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## New El Cerrito city clerk comes aboard

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Carol Jean Wilson is still getting accustomed to her new job as El Cerrito city clerk.

"It's very challenging," said Wilson, sitting outside the City Hall on Manila Avenue. "It's a challenge to keep up with the laws and of course there's a variety of people to meet all the time and many of tasks. No day is the same as the day before."

Wilson's first day as city clerk was July 28. She's replacing Linda Giddings who has retired after 13 years in the position. Giddings will continue to work for the city part-time.

Wilson has come on board dur-

ing election season, a particularly busy time for city clerks.

She's now responsible for processing election documents in addition to her regular duties of compiling reports for the City Council and answering any number of questions from the public that involve city government.

"Between now and November, there's a lot of forms to be filed for them (the candidates) and we have to guide them through the process as much as we can," she said.

Originally from Montana, Wilson moved to California in 1970, and worked for 15 years in the shipping industry in San Francisco.

She decided she wanted a job closer to her children after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. She

and her husband were stranded in San Francisco overnight, and didn't know if their children, who were 3 and 5-years-old, were OK. So she got a job working for the dean of the School of Business at St. Mary's College in Moraga and then moved onto the town clerk position in 1993.

Four years ago, with her children grown and having undergone a divorce, she moved to the Oakland hills. She wanted to live and work in communities with more activity.

Wilson credited her predecessors for laying a "fine groundwork" for her.

Her predecessors include Giddings, who was city clerk since 1990; Lucille Irish, city clerk from 1971 to 1986; and Mary Ellen McCormick, who served from 1941 to 1970.

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The four El Cerrito city clerks got together Monday for a group photo taken for the El Cerrito Historical Society.

Wilson said it was "great fun" meeting her predecessors and was amazed McCormick, who still lives in El Cerrito, became city clerk before Wilson was born.

"I feel like there's a real big foundation here started by people who I got to meet and that's great fun," Wilson said.

"And they love El Cerrito. There's a lot of community pride and that makes me smile. That's very important."

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EL CERRITO'S newest city clerk, Carol Jean Wilson, left, is joined by predecessors Linda Giddings, Lucille Irish, and Maryellen McCormick at city hall. Giddings served from 1990 and will continue with the city part-time. Irish held the job from 1970-86 and McCormick served from 1941-70.

EDDIE LEDESMMA/STAFF



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

It wades through Cerrito Creek in El Cerrito July 16, snapping up bugs along the way. While the creek was restored six months and the maintenance since then isn't up to par contend George McRae and Caitlin Smith with Friends of Baxter Creek.

## State of creek ruffles some feathers

**Cerrito Creek**  
restoration has divided advocates, with some calling the project and followup work inadequate

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Susan Schwartz, president of Friends of Five Creeks for the last five years, appears to be in the middle of a controversy about the results of the \$400,000 Cerrito Creek restoration.

To city officials and many residents, the creek is a great amenity to the south end of El Cerrito Plaza, a piece of nature where people can take a break from the bustle of city life.

Others are dissatisfied with the work but say the city had good intentions and that the area can be improved.

Critics say the city, working closely with Schwartz, failed to create a natural creek better in-

tegrated with El Cerrito Plaza because the city didn't negotiate for more land from the center's developer.

In her easy-going way, Schwartz, a 62-year-old Berkeley resident and the point person for the 600-member-strong Friends of Five Creeks, laughs off the criticisms.

"When people are trying to achieve something positive, it's such a waste of time to nit-pick about details that nobody is going to care about in 20 years," she said. "The city of El Cerrito managed to get a pretty creek and a pretty trail and that was a hard negotiation. That's what counts, the rest doesn't matter at all."

Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond, Berkeley and UC Berkeley are trying to improve their creeks and build trails along them. They all signed the 1995 Joint Watershed Goals Statement agreeing to do so, Schwartz said.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

GEORGE MCRAE digs in the soil around a buckeye tree along Cerrito Creek July 16. McRae and others contend the restoration and subsequent maintenance are inadequate.

## Village group challenges plan

■ Lawsuit contends environmental aspects of student housing renovation aren't considered

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A UC Berkeley student housing association filed a lawsuit Thursday against the University of California Regents in an effort to stop development that would nearly double the cost of living at University Village for graduate students with families.

A UC Regents committee approved an environmental report on June 30 for a redevelopment plan that nearly doubles the number of housing units at the village. The cost to live in the

"Step 2" portion of the plan in two-bedroom units for families with children would nearly double from \$786 to \$1,302.

The low-cost housing at University Village allowed former village resident Peter Brownell to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley. Though he no longer lives in the village, Brownell is head of the Committee for Affordable Student Family Housing, the group that has filed the lawsuit.

"I don't think I would have gone to grad school if I didn't know there was something like that out there," said Brownell. "I think it's important for current residents and future residents of the university."

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## Cut school programs drive donors' generosity

■ West Contra Costa schools have received \$756,000 since March; board still must decide specific uses for some of it

By Ana Facio Contreras  
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Since the West Contra Costa school district opened bank accounts in March to accept donations to save cut school programs, it has received about \$756,000, with more than half of the money yet to be designated for a specific use.

In March, after the district made \$16.5 million in cuts, eliminating athletics, libraries, elementary music and other programs, it began accepting donations to save those programs. The district also opened a parcel tax alternate account.

The district also placed an \$8 million parcel tax before voters, which was approved in June. The parcel tax sunset in five years.

With the passage of the parcel tax, the district slashed its budget shortfall in half and restored

athletics, libraries and counselors.

In June, the school board designated the \$105,000 in the parcel tax alternate account to restore one elementary school principal.

The \$240,380 in the athletics account will be used to fund the district's sports program.

District Superintendent Gloria Johnston said the board has not designated a specific use for the \$392,708 in the libraries and books account and the \$18,558 in the music account.

The board will decide specifically what the money will fund at a future meeting.

Last month, a golf tournament sponsored by local businesses raised about \$40,000 for the district.

On Aug. 25, the Oakland A's will present Johnston with a check for money raised from a portion of the proceeds of ticket sales for several games this summer.

Kristy Fick, the Oakland A's media relations manager, said that so far, nearly \$20,000 has been collected.

The last game from which the

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## El Cerrito motorcycle officer hurt in traffic stop

A police officer was treated at a local hospital for minor injuries Tuesday morning after a big rig inadvertently backed up over his motorcycle.

Sgt. Mike Regan pulled behind the truck on Belmont Avenue about 9:40 a.m. to investigate whether it was overloaded, El Cerrito police Sgt. Peter Statton said.

Before Regan could dismount,

the truck driver backed up over the motorcycle and dragged it about 50 feet. Regan got banged up while jumping from the bike, which was moderately damaged.

The truck driver was not arrested, Statton said, because the crash was deemed unintentional. The truck driver did not see the motorcycle behind him, Statton said.

— Karl Fischer

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Albany

#### SchoolCARE sets \$10,000 fund-raising goal

The Albany School District parent fund-raising group SchoolCARE is looking to raise \$10,000 by Aug. 15, to pay for more elementary school aide time and more middle and high school student services.

Parents have already donated \$260,000 for the upcoming year, according to parent Patty Chin. The money will go toward salaries for teachers and other staff at all of the district schools.

Donations can be sent to SchoolCARE, 1563 Solano Ave. #537, Albany, 94707. E-mail AlbanySchoolCARE@aol.com for more information.

#### Citizen and Youth of the Year Celebration

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will honor Joan Larson, Albany Citizen of the Year, and Briana K'Burg, Youth of the Year, from 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 21, at the Albany Community Center (corner of Marin and Masonic avenues).

The event is an opportunity to honor those who have given to the community, have some fun, and enjoy food and refreshments. This event is open to the public. RSVP by calling the chamber at 510-525-1771, or via e-mail at: albanychamber@bigplanet.com

#### City seeking event volunteers

The city is looking for volunteers for long-term and special events. Residents are sought to volunteer at City Hall, the city's child care center, teen center, community center, and the Solano Stroll.

For more information, call Barbie Gary at 510-559-7222.

#### El Cerrito

#### Cerrito Theater effort brings in donations

The Friends of the Cerrito Theater has raised about \$20,000 in cash and \$80,000 in "in-kind" donations for the theater renovations, which includes a large donation of theater seats, said friends co-chair Ann Lehman.

Meanwhile, architects Jerri Holan and Arnie Lerner are creating construction drawings for the project, which is expected to be a two-screen theater with an adjacent cafe. A contractor must be hired to renovate the theater after the construction drawings are completed.

The City Council, acting as the city's Redevelopment Agency, bought the former Cerrito Theater in 2002 for more than \$500,000. It has since allocated an additional \$3.5 million for the controversial project.

#### Baxter Creek workshop is Aug. 11

A workshop for the Baxter Creek Gateway Restoration project will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the "Open House" Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. The doors will open at 5:45 p.m. for sign-in and refreshments.

The city purchased the 1.6-acre "gateway" property at San Pablo and MacDonald avenues in 2002. City planners are working to restore a portion of Baxter Creek there and transform the property into a park.

The workshop will be a discussion about the future design of the creek restoration, public access and amenities for the site. There will be games and crafts for children. The city, the Richmond-based Watershed Project, the Friends of Baxter Creek and a design team will provide a project overview and design ideas.

For more information, call Heather Koch in the city's community development department at 510-215-4322.

#### Dynamo Golf Scramble returns

The city's eighth annual Dynamo Golf Scramble fund-raiser will be held Friday, Aug. 30, at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club. The event benefits the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund and "Open House" Senior Center Fund.

The event includes a round of golf, lunch and prizes. Last year's tournament raised more than \$12,000.

The David Hunter Memorial Fund offers scholarships for its recreation and childcare programs. The "Open House" Senior Center provides programs for seniors.

The cost for the event is \$135 per person, which includes coffee and pastries, a T-shirt and goodie bag and lunch after the tournament. Register in person at the recreation department, 7007 Moeser Lane or call 510-559-7000.

#### Workshop on pedestrian/cyclist circulation

A community workshop will be held as the next step in developing a city circulation plan for bicyclists, pedestrians and disabled individuals. The workshop will be held Monday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane.

Ideas compiled from the meetings that were previously held for various user groups will be presented for discussion. Participants will have a chance to comment and add to the ideas presented.

For more information, call Natasha Gogut at 510-215-4312 or e-mail ngogut@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

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## Crime lab staff shortage slows caseload

Training process for new criminalists takes years

By Karl Fischer  
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Reynolds saw some suspicious-looking teenagers loitering in his path as he walked to an El Cerrito drugstore. So the 15-year-old played it safe and crossed the street — directly into the line of fire.

Moments after he crossed Carlson Boulevard, those teens barged into the nearby Old West Gun Room, one pointing a shotgun.

The shotgun jammed. Luckily for the robbers, most of the dozen or so rounds fired by the proprietor and his customer missed.

But unluckily for Ryan, some flew across the street and hit his arm and leg.

El Cerrito police eventually arrested seven robbery suspects in the case, and Reynolds sued the gun room.

But both matters remain unresolved some 16 months after the March 26, 2003, shooting because police and lawyers say they're still waiting for a forensic report explaining who shot whom, how many times and where the shooters stood.

The failure of the Contra Costa Crime Lab to deliver its firearms analysis is a consequence of a staffing quirk that has created a 130-case backlog in processing such evidence.

"We have not been able to bring closure to this case because we do not have the (forensic) report," El Cerrito detective Sgt. Shawn Maples said. "The information in that report could help develop evidence to prosecute the suspects."

Criminologists have informally told police and Reynolds' attorney what they gleaned from the evidence. Police admit they don't know if a report would help their criminal case. Reynolds' attorney also said he doesn't know if it would strengthen his client's case.

But without a court-admissible forensic report, the lawsuit has dragged months longer than expected.

"It's not necessarily decisive, but it is important," said attorney Emile Davis, who is preparing Reynolds' case for court mediation next month. "This really hinders the settlement process and our ability to go to trial. We're short on information ... and the court is not waiting."

#### Lab overwhelmed



**LABORATORY AIDE** Terence Wong readies handguns for test firing at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Wednesday. "This isn't like 'CSI.' Our labs don't look like the labs on that show, and we don't cases in 26 minutes, plus commercials," forensics chief Karen Sheldon said.

County forensics chief Karen Sheldon said the backlog mushroomed of late because both of the county's longtime firearms specialists retired during the past two years. The Contra Costa Sheriff's Office, which runs the lab, replaced them with a transfer from another agency and a trainee.

It takes about two years for a new hire to train both at police academy as a deputy sheriff and take the requisite forensics coursework to start at the lab, and another year before a new criminalist can handle most complicated work, lab supervisor Paul Holes said.

So while one criminalist is now learning the ropes, another serves as the only case worker for firearms analysis in the county. He often works 12-hour days behind a microscope, Holes said, matching tiny marks on cartridges and bullets to tell which weapon fired them.

"This isn't like 'CSI.' Our labs don't look like the labs on that show, and we don't solve cases in 26 minutes plus commercials," Sheldon said. "Part of the problem with those shows is that everyone thinks they know about how we work. ... It leads to false expectations."

The lab serves all police agencies in the county and also Vallejo, though some larger departments such as Richmond, Concord, Antioch and Pittsburg employ in-house evidence technicians.

When El Cerrito police responded to the Old West Gun Room shooting, they scooped up 18-year-old Tomar Martin at the crime scene, where his accomplices left him after one victim shot him in the ankle. He wound up becoming the only person charged in the case.

Police say Martin was part of a group of Richmond teens who robbed five restaurants during a

two-week crime bender, El Cerrito and their alleged leader Keith Asbury, escaped to California Youth Authority in early 2002.

Authorities later found Asbury and several others in Castro Valley but were unable to prosecute because little more than the guilty statements about what was sent during the robbery, which were more in court.

In the months since Asbury's attempt, Martin's court was found guilty and is serving a jail sentence and is up for parole, Maples said.

Officer-involved shootings, homicides and court deadlines take priority. The lab sees 10 to 15 new firearms cases each month. A complicated case can take three weeks or longer to process.

The backlog will ease with time, Sheldon said. But meanwhile, police hoping to complete cases without hard deadlines must cases.

Maples agrees the backlog is a problem, but he says, he cannot be a potential source of

Similarly unable to solve cases, civil attorney cannot answer central legal question. Did the defendants

My client needs to know the basic facts of the case. We need to know the location in the store, big difference. ... Some lying on those tests."

Police say Martin was part of a group of Richmond teens who robbed five restaurants during a

Wednesday, July 27

**VANDALISM** — The rear door of a home on the 6600 block of Hill Street was kicked in between 11:30 a.m. and 6:05 p.m. There was no evidence of ransacking or property loss, police said.

**VEHICLE THEFT** — Three Richmond residents were arrested on suspicion of auto theft and possession of stolen property on Gelston Place at 3:06 a.m. Police responded to a report that a car alarm had activated. On the way to the incident, police stopped a 1996 Saturn that had been reported stolen. Two men, 18 and 23 years old, and a woman, 20, were arrested.

**VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Toyota Prelude was taken from the 6600 block of San Pablo Avenue at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**VANDALISM** — A rear door of a Kragen Auto Parts was broken at 1:35 a.m. An alarm sound was heard, but there was no entry or break-in.

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# Good mechanic now even harder to find

NO! My favorite mechanic has gone out of business! Jensen Motor Tune-Up, a 20-year-old downtown Berkeley business, quietly closed its doors last month — but not for lack of customers. Rising competition with the city bureaucracy finally caused owner Keith Hall to throw his hands up and call it quits.

"It seems like they don't want small businesses in town," he said. "I could give them a thousand examples; but just one, they charge for a HazMat permit. It costs 10 bucks in Oak-

moun

ing has already closed among us customers, we have been taking cars to him for years — and to his father, Carl Hall, for many years that.

There are very few people in the world I trust as much as Carl," says Susan

Shea, executive director of the Berkeley Rep. "He's the mechanic: He fixes what doesn't need fixing.

He's absolutely on his

ment — and his integrity. I took care of me and my

own family," adds

Carl, who had hoped to pass

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Keith Hall, in 1948.

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## THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Make the most of summer's last weeks

SURE, THE FOG AND CLOUDS dominate the hills in the morning and evening. But even with the Bay Area summer weather, there's plenty to enjoy — especially for those of us who can't or don't feel like leaving the area.

What's on tap?

Animal lovers can head to Golden Gate Fields for "Cavalia: A Magical Encounter between Horse and Man," which runs through Aug. 15.

Summer bird life can be explored with two expert bird-watchers at the UC Botanical Gardens from 9 to 10:30 a.m. next Saturday.

Kensington artist Elizabeth Kavaler has a display of etchings and watercolors that depict the Bay Area's scenic beauty at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission building in Oakland through Sept. 30.

Musical lovers can catch "My Fair Lady" at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito through Aug. 14.

East Bay photographers share some of their talent at the Free Speech Movement Cafe at Cal — with shots of the Alcatraz Indian Occupation — through next month.

The Live Oak Theatre in Berkeley is staging Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance" through Aug. 14.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito continues "My Fair Lady" through Aug. 14.

And Berkeley's Julia Morgan Center for the Arts presents a South Indian dance show on Aug. 20.

It's time to ignore the weather — and get the most out of August.

## HAVE AN OPINION? SHARE IT

The Journal is looking for readers to share their views about community issues via e-mail for a new feature — Talk Back.

We are inviting readers of all ages to be part of a network of Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington residents willing to comment occasionally on various issues and community concerns.

Opinions, along with your name, city of residence, and photo, will be printed in the Talk Back column.

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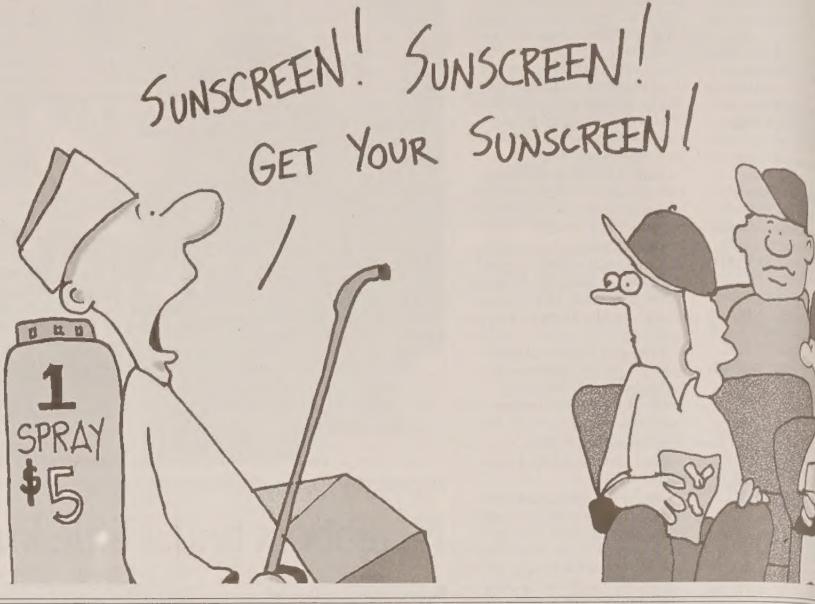
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## DON'T GET BURNED THIS SUMMER



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Vicious criticism undeserved

I am disappointed at the vicious criticism aimed at Los Alamos scientists. Since the 1980s, our national laboratories have been under attack by misguided congressmen and incompetent Department of Energy management.

Problems began in the 1980s when marauding "tiger safety teams" led to the loss of millions of dollars worth of priceless chemicals, materials and the research that went with them.

Next came the "missing equipment" scandal, when millions of dollars were spent searching for worthless equipment that no one wanted or cared about.

Then came lost computer media and the torture of Wen Ho Lee for daring to take his work home with him and being Chinese.

Finally, we hear that more disks are disappearing, our national security is a shambles, and Los Alamos has achieved a work-free workplace.

Los Alamos National Laboratory scientists are true patriots, working night and day, dedicated to their research and national security. Most readers couldn't do their jobs and Kelly Services doesn't provide replacements.

Few scientists want to work at the national laboratories in an atmosphere of fear and suspicion. Los Alamos scientists are human, prone to misplacing things and make mistakes like the rest of us.

Unless you believe that bin Laden is a rocket scientist, the lost data have little to do with homeland security and more to do with embarrassing facts about nuclear weapon shortcomings that can't be addressed by the overwhelmed Los Alamos staff.

The DOE, not the University of California, is responsible for this mess, and it's baffling why UC would want the contracts.

**Richard Firestone**  
El Cerrito

## A miracle man?

Promises, promises! Let's see.

John Kerry is going to lift the poor out of poverty. With what, government handouts?

He's going to give health coverage to some 40,000 presently uninsured. How?

He's going to bring down the costs of prescription drugs for the elderly, so they don't have to choose between food or medicine. He's going to create 10 million new jobs for people presently out of work.

He's going to give tax breaks to families who send their children to college. He's going to give more financial support for more technically advanced weapons and better equipment to our armed forces (more power to him).

Kerry's going to strengthen Social Security, improve homeland safety, protect every port in the United States. And the list goes on and on.

He has a "plan" for everything, according to the rhetoric spouted in Boston during the Democratic National Convention. He's also going to give tax breaks to the low-income people, many of whom paid little or no taxes to begin with.

Kerry's going to do all this "without raising taxes," while bringing down the federal deficit.

If you believe all that, he is your miracle man, who, only a few months ago, was opposed for the presidency by Howard Dean, John Edwards, and the others (suddenly converted), who origi-

nally were trying to knock him out of the race for president.

If he can do all this, I have yet to hear if he ever proposed even one of these "plans" of his for enactment while he was sitting all that time in the Senate.

Sorry, Kerry, your real record reflects mostly just waffling on many of the bills that were proposed.

**Morris Cleland**  
El Cerrito

## We're not a theocracy

Once again, George W. Bush presumes to explain his grand vision for the New American Century vis-à-vis Iraq.

What bothers me is that he is still light on content while he asks us to have faith and belief in his vision of how great everything will be if and when.

I expected a concrete, logical, well-thought-out transfer plan. Instead, I hear an appeal to some belief in the rightness of his vision.

This is not the way a democracy is supposed to work. This is the way a theocracy works. In a theocracy, everything is based on belief, not on reason or observation. Actions are justified by faith rather than logic or a constitution.

In a democracy, the "vision" should be the greatest good for the greatest number, not some grand messianic plan cooked up by a bunch of neo-con think-tank wanks. Then, too, there are the occasional references Bush makes about how God is telling him what to do.

What bothers me most is the old saying that if you fight something long enough, eventually you will become the thing you're fighting. I do believe it's beginning to look more and more like that.

**James Ritz**  
El Cerrito

## Casinos not the answer

Regarding the currently proposed casino complex for Point Molate in Richmond, there has been some misinformation stating environmental groups favor this project.

That is absolutely incorrect.

We know of no environmental group that favors this project. Our organization, Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, is comprised of individuals and environmental organizations such as The Sierra Club, Save the Bay, Golden Gate Audubon Society, and multiple others; none has come out in favor of this project.

Point Molate is public land and should remain in public ownership.

What message does this send to our children, that we solve our financial problems with casinos? On the drawing boards are the two in Richmond, one in San Pablo, the casino gambling on the ballot for Golden Gate Fields, plus the card rooms. Does anyone believe that casinos deliver their promised panacea?

We can do better than to finance our future with casinos.

## HOW TO REACH US

Letters to the editor reflect the opinion of the writer. Letters must include your first and last name, address and daytime phone number. All letters are subject to verification. All letters are subject to editing for brevity and style. Not all letters may be published.

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## Cherish our freedom

Freedom of speech is something our ancestors fought for in the Revolution. We can be proud we have it.

Many countries don't.

Some say they love it but don't die for it.

What if it's not? What if it's not?

My father served in the Army during World War I and was proud of that service. My husband in World War II and he never

twice of not volunteering.

No parent wants to send their children and daughters off to fight in a war whether or not it is a just war to protect our nation.

Maybe this war in Iraq is the war — who really knows — but our country is at war. We have the freedom to live our lives as we choose. How we feel. Have Iraqis ever been free? Maybe they will know what it means to be free. I pray the day comes when they can live the life they want.

God bless America and the men and women who are willing to serve and protect our country.

Heidi

# Instructor says dancing is just a few steps away



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

SHA GOLDBERG believes anyone can dance. "If you can walk," he says. "You can dance." Goldberg, who teaches folk dance classes in El Cerrito and many demonstrated several dances from various countries, accompanied by taped music. The steps seemed simple to learn, but he said was because I had been a dancer. He said the difficulty comes with each person, and demonstrating them often necessary to help people remember them.

He brought me the sheet he puts out to new members of his classes, which was interesting as well. "Folk dancing is music — from foreign countries and cultures. The music ranges from slow and lyrical to fast and compelling. We dance to the music of the Balkans (Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Greece, Armenia, England, France and more).

Classes are at the Albany CA, 921 Kains St. They do dancing from 8 to 11 on evenings, with instruction from 8 to 9, dancing to recess afterwards. Admission is

\$4. According to the brochure, the easier dances are usually in the earlier part of the evening, with a focus on dances that don't involve a partner, such as line and circle dances in which dancers hold hands.

Other classes are held at the El Cerrito Open House Senior Center, near the El Cerrito Library, from 9 to 11 Friday mornings. Teaching runs throughout the class. Admission is \$3 for El Cerrito residents, \$3.75 for non-residents.

Goldberg is an interesting person, born in Jersey City, N.J., he moved with his family to Southern California when he was very young. He graduated from Van Nuys High School before first moving on to UCLA, and later UC Berkeley, where he graduated with a masters degree in adult psychology.

He explains his work history: "I've been a student, stu-

dent professor, tutor, waiter, cook, drapery installer (with my father when I was a teenager), computer programmer (I left this permanently at least twice), business consultant, aide to the disabled, physical therapy assistant, half-way house counselor, family counselor, vocational school instructor, college instructor, software entrepreneur, and, for less than a week, a boxcar unloader.

"I've been a teacher of meditation, self-healing, intuition and communicating with one's higher self. I organized and led the Good Neighbor Project, a San Francisco based psychological growth group free and open to the public. I was part of Rikudom, the Israeli folk dance performance group. I was the person who ran the Kolo Festival (Balkan dancing and music).

"I've been organizer of the Ashkenaz David Nadel Memorial, organizer and director of an Israel folk dance performance group, Shoshanim, folk dance teacher, spiritual comedy monologer, part of Toastmasters, editor/writer of e-zines, part of the National Speech Association, Webmaster, and unrepentant and unreformed folk

dance addict.

"Recently I've given seminars at Elephant Pharmacy on predisposing your mind to success, on dispelling fears, on relationships and (on Aug. 22) on prioritizing and creating time when there's no time to be found. I'm a combination life coach, counselor and consultant, with combination spiritual, psychological and real-life approaches. I also give seminars for businesses and industries on improving business, including creating and recognizing opportunities, problem solving, creativity, prioritizing, and effective communication."

Asha Goldberg invites everyone to join his folk dance classes in Albany and El Cerrito. For more information call him at 510-528-1100.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706, call 510-525-4585 or e-mail crggenser@aol.com.

# Short stories can be something substantial



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

adies," which is full of stories that are beautifully detailed and heavy with multiple emotions; they seem like the very essence of what a short story should be.

"Speaking with the Angel," a collection of original short stories edited by Nick Hornby, is also worth reading. In the introduction, Hornby explains that the book was designed as a fund-raiser for the private school his autistic son attends. The writers include Colin Firth, Zadie Smith, Dave Eggers, Helen Fielding and several others. The first story, by Robert Harris, is called "PMQ" and it is about the nighttime adventures of a prime minister, after he crawls out the window of a gas station bathroom.

One of my daughters recommended "The Street of Crocodiles," by Bruno Schulz, a Jewish teacher, writer and artist who was murdered in 1942 when he ventured into the "aryan" section of Drohobych. According to the book's introduction, he found comfort in the works of his favorite poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, saying,

"The existence of his book is a pledge that the tangled, mute masses of things unformulated within us may yet emerge to the surface miraculously distilled."

His writings reflect both that idea and his artist's perception of the world, using descriptions that are so original and yet so apt that I sometimes need to stop and think about each one.

And finally, for children, I like the charming "Ellen's Lion," by Crockett Johnson, the author of "Barnaby," one of my favorite childhood books.

These 12 stories are about Ellen and her adventures with her stuffed lion, a creature who frequently seems much wiser than his owner.

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## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

new materials have been added to the Contra Costa County Library's electronic resources. These include:

• BookmobileBookLibrary: Story puzzles, games and learning tools that use audio and sound.

• Auto Repair Reference Center: wiring diagrams, technical bulletins, care and repair handy troubleshooting schedules.

• MovieList K-8: Fiction titles, ratings, and links to state curriculum standards.

• There are resources for teachers and homeschooled children: curriculum guides on a range of topics and themes,

guides for classroom discussion, cross-curricular connections, and extension activities, book talks and more.

The electronic resources are available from the Library's Web site, <http://www.ccclib.org>.

Look under the "Research Center" tab to find databases by title or subject.

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Second Wednesdays is a free drop-in Poetry Writing Workshop, ongoing and open to all ages, and led by Alison Seevak, an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area. In August, this

event is 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11, in the Edith Stone Room. Light refreshments will be served.

The Friends of the Albany Library sponsors a number of free programs this summer including: Pirate Pete with P and T Puppet Theatre on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Summer fun at the library also includes a summer-long reading game, "The Secret of Pirate's Cove." The Reading Game runs through Aug. 14.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. Information: 510-526-3720 ext. 20. ■ ■ ■

Susan Halpern, author of

"The Etiquette of Illness: What to Say When You Can't Find the Words," will appear Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library to share her expertise and offer advice on helping friends or family members who are living with serious illness.

Also at El Cerrito: Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the checkout desk.

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

[www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/news/CommunityForums070604.htm](http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/news/CommunityForums070604.htm). Much of the initial work involves gathering input from the community. The draft framework from the committee and information about the process can be found at <http://www.highschoolreform.org>. The committee is asking the school community to fill out its survey at [www.highschoolreform.org/discussion.htm](http://www.highschoolreform.org/discussion.htm). Look for the word "survey" above the text box..

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## EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

• ANYONE? West Contra Costa school substitute teacher Irene Thompson is offering free silkworm to teachers who would like to them to use in class.

• Silkworm eggs will be refrigerated until spring's crop. Thompson has about a dozen teachers with silkworm eggs in class instruction not only learn about the life cycle, but also about a more sustainable form of agriculture.

• Thompson used the eggs in her grade class. For information, Thompson can be reached at 510-222-7923 or e-mail at [thompson1987@hotmail.com](mailto:thompson1987@hotmail.com).

• HIGH GRADE CURRICULUM: Contra Costa school district parents and others interested in elementary school curriculum used to help develop a Web site to resources supporting the curriculum.

• The website provides links and other information to fourth-grade teachers, parents and parents. The information is based on California standards and textbooks used in the Contra Costa school district.

[www.elcerritowire.com](http://www.elcerritowire.com)

### LAST DAYS FOR OAKLAND A'S FUND-RAISER:

The Oakland A's last fund-raiser game for the West Contra Costa school district is Aug. 25 against the Baltimore Orioles.

The tickets must be purchased by Aug. 23.

After the school board approved \$16.5 million in cuts in early March eliminating athletics, libraries and elementary music, the baseball team offered to donate half of the proceeds of all ticket sales for several Wednesday nights.

The Oakland A's organization was one of several corporations who made donations to the district to help restore the programs.

People who are planning to buy tickets are being asked to say that they want their purchase to go toward the West Contra Costa school district fundraiser.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 510-638-4627.

• HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION: The dates for El Cerrito High School registration are:

Monday, Aug. 16: 1-4 p.m. for seniors

Tuesday, Aug. 17: 8:30-11:30 a.m. for

sophomores

Tuesday, Aug. 17: 1-4 p.m., for juniors

Wednesday, Aug. 18: 10 a.m.-noon for freshmen

Lunch is noon-1 p.m. and registration is 1-4 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed — for more information call Diane Saricoffi office manager, at 510-525-0234, ext. 2612.

The West Contra Costa school district has received funding from the Bill Gates Foundation to start a process looking at High School Reform. You can get more information on the grant and the activities to date at

[www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/news/CommunityForums070604.htm](http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/news/CommunityForums070604.htm).

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# Calendar

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## Children

■ **Youth Orchestra** — The Berkeley Youth Orchestra is holding auditions for its 2004-2005 season on the following dates: Aug. 21 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 28 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 30-Sept. 10 by appointment. Candidates must be in fifth through tenth grades. To schedule an audition or find out more, call 510-663-3296 or visit [www.web.org](http://www.web.org).

■ **Bacteria be gone!** — Come to a live puppet show to learn about bacteria and how to get rid of them at the Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Avenue (lower level), Berkeley. Hall of Health staff will perform a fun and educational puppet show at 2 p.m. on Aug. 11. A donation of \$3 is suggested. Free for children under 3. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call (510) 549-1564.

■ **Children's Theater** — Stage Door Conservatory presents "Annie", a depression-era musical about the adventures of a lovable orphan, at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley. Shows are at 7 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14, and at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 15. Tickets are all sliding scale: \$15-20 for adults, \$7.50-15 for children under 14, with discounts for students and seniors, and are available at the door. For more information call (510) 845-8542 or visit [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

■ **How bizarre** — Berkeley Public Library's Teen Playreaders presents "Bizarre Shorts", a two night festival of brief and absurd dramas for a mature audience (ages 12+). This free event takes place at 7 p.m. on Aug. 13 and 14. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille for this event, please call (510) 981-6109 (voice) or (510) 548-1240 (TTY) or go to [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org).

■ Does your child have a pleasant voice and like to sing? The **Arlington Children's Choir**, based in Kensington, will be holding auditions in September for boys and girls age 8-14. This is a new choir and focus is on performing around the Bay area and on our tour in England, next spring. Your child will also learn basic music reading and sight singing as well as the performing repertoire. Contact Shanti Mojarani (the director) for an audition appointment to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Wednesday, September 8. The number is (510) 843-7745.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 8:45-0237.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane, 215-4371.

## Classes

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers classes Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercise, ceramics, copper enameeling, wood working, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). Classes are ongoing and always welcome new members. There is no charge other than materials. "Seniors" over 50 are welcome. Call 510-845-6830.

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■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit [www.cct.org](http://www.cct.org).

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■ **South Berkeley Senior Center** 2939 Elitis St., offers a free aerobics, stretching, strengthening fitness class for adults 55+. The class is taught by Naomi Puro. For more information, call 510-981-5170.

## Community

■ **Summer bird walk** — Join Chris Carmichael, Associate Director of Collections and Horticulture, and Dennis Wolff, expert birder, on a morning walk to discover the summer bird life of the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, from 9:10:30 a.m., Aug. 14. Fee: \$17, \$12 members. Call (510) 643-2755 for more information.

■ **The 13th annual Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic** benefits the medical center's nationally recognized substance abuse program. Thunder Road, Jim Courier and John Lloyd headlining the celebrity tennis event on Saturday, Sept. 18. Watch 30-plus sports and entertainment celebrities compete with sponsored tennis players on six courts at the Berkeley Tennis Club. Followed by a star-studded gala dinner at the Claremont Resort. Tickets to the celebrity tennis event cost \$25 and include a box lunch; children 10 and under are free. Tickets to the gala dinner are also available. For more info or tickets, visit [www.abcsfdn.org](http://www.abcsfdn.org), or call 510-204-1667. The Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf Tournament kicks off the week at the Diablo Country Club. Golfers will tee off on Monday, Sept. 12 for a day competing with local pros and celebrities. Tickets to the golf tournament cover a round of golf, lunch and a celebrity gala dinner.

■ **Seconds sale** — The ACCI Gallery will hold its bi-annual seconds sale 11-6 p.m., Aug. 12-15. Ceramics, jewelry, fine art and more will be offered. Call 510-843-2527 or go to [www.accigallery.com](http://www.accigallery.com) for more information.

■ **New Farmers' Market** — The Ecology Center's newest Berkeley Farmers' Market, the North Shattuck Farmers' Market will celebrate a grand opening from 3-7 p.m. Aug. 26 at its new location, Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street with music and special guests Chef Alice Waters and Mayor Tom Bates. Details: 510-548-3333; [www.ecologycenter.org](http://www.ecologycenter.org).

■ **The Arlington Community Church** in

Kensington would like to invite singers in the neighborhood to a **Potluck**. Sing-through of their fall and Christmas music. Potluck starts at 6 p.m., singing starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. Call Leslie, the choir director at 843-7745 or the church 526-9146 for further information.

■ **Sample some 35 varieties of tomatoes** at the Tuesday Berkeley Farmers' Market free **Tomato Tasting**, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2-7 p.m. Derby Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Details: 510-548-3333; [www.ecologycenter.org](http://www.ecologycenter.org).

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, extends its usual daily hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. its summer twilight hours: Open until 8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The Twilight Tour series takes advantage of the extended day-light and longer Garden hours. Enjoy a different tour every Wednesday and Thursday through Aug. 12. Pay for three different tours, get the fourth tour free. Admission: \$3 for adults \$2 for seniors 65, \$1 for children (3-18). Free to members, UC Students, UC Faculty and staff and children under 3. \$2 for Cal Alumni Association members. Free to the public every Thursday. Details and tour registration: 510-643-2755, [www.botanical-garden.berkeley.edu](http://www.botanical-garden.berkeley.edu).

■ **Prospect Sierra School**, 960 Ave Drive in El Cerrito, offers "Community Country Dance" Contra, circle, and couple dances from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. An inter class is offered at 7:30 p.m. All dances are done to live fiddle music and prompted by caller, Kirsten Kowals. No partners are required. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10. Wear clean, no marking shoes. For more information, call 510-233-7929.

■ **The Berkeley City Club** and the Landmark Heritage Foundation, are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Julia Morgan. Take a free docent-led tour of the Berkeley City Club on the fourth Sunday of each month except December, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tours are free; donations are welcome. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant Avenue (two blocks west of Telegraph Avenue). For group reservations or more information, call 510-848-7800 or 510-883-9710.

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth support group** meets quarterly from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.

CMT is a neuropathic disorder. For more information, call Gail Whitehouse at 408-425-5629.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail [bnc@netvalue.net](mailto:bnc@netvalue.net).

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

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■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free

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Wednesday-Friday, 1-6 p.m.

and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Dance/Stage

**It's** In Berkeley — "A Delicate Balance" by Edward Albee's suspenseful play is staged at 8 p.m. on Friday evenings through Aug. 14, and an extra performance at 8 p.m. on Aug. 12. The Pulitzer Prize-winning drama is presented by the Ensemble of Berkeley at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck (at Berkeley Avenue). Admission is \$10, with discounts of \$5 or more. For reservations, call (510) 649-5999 or visit [www.aeo.berkeley.org](http://www.aeo.berkeley.org).

**Indian dance** — West Coast performance by Aniruddha Bharathanatyam dancer, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, at the Julia Morgan Center for the Performing Arts, 2640 College Avenue. Berkeley advance tickets call 925-798-2029, \$20 students/general. Details: 415-826-1029

**For peace** — To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, Berkeley Public Library Payreaders will present a reading of Eleanor Coerr's "Sadako and the Paper Cranes" at 3 p.m. This free event takes place at the Main Library at 1170 The Embarcadero. After the reading, audience members are invited to fold paper cranes, which will be sent to the Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan. For more information, call (510) 981-6109 or go to [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org).

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**Book A Magical Encounter Between Man and Man,** return to the 13-performance through August 20 at Golden Gate Park on the Berkeley/Athens Stage. From 7 p.m. Tuesday through 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Cavalia is a unique spectacle involving acrobatic projections and images and more performers, including a troupe of acrobats. Tickets: \$20-\$25. Children under 12, \$4-\$6. Call (510) 669-9111 or on-line at [www.athensstage.com](http://www.athensstage.com).

**At the park — Shotgun Play** — The annual summer extravaganza of Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" in this retelling of the tale of Brecht questions the consequences of war with music, politics and mayhem on Saturday and Sunday at John Hinkel Park in through Aug. 23. Admission is free. For more information go to [www.athensstage.com](http://www.athensstage.com).

**Mr. Looney? — "The Mystery of Mr. Looney,"** a new play about the plays of Shakespeare presented by Central Works Ensemble at the Berkeley City Club on Aug. 13, 14 at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Avenue. Tickets are sliding scale (\$15-\$24); child: \$10-\$15; senior: \$10-\$15 (over 65). Call (510) 558-1381 for reservations.

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Cerrito worked on restoring Creek for several months and celebrated its completion in December. The cost was \$100,000, paid mostly through grants from the Coastal Conservation Agency, a state agency that provides money for trail enhancement.

"The degree to which Cerrito is actually restored is a point for some creek advocates who define a true restoration as one that creates a natural habitat to keep the water stabilize the banks and at-wildlife.

Cerrito Creek is a landscape, not a restoration, said Shemmerling, a board member of the Urban Creek Council, a nonprofit group that advocates for creek protection across the state.

of the problems, she said, is failure to plant willow trees which provide shade for banks along the creek.

The whole philosophy of environmental restoration gets contaminated by landscaping — making it look pretty because it's a space — people will see

Shemmerling said. "Some don't like fact that if you plant willows, it looks like jungle." That's what it takes to

improve the situation to create a habitat for birds and small

and help to get the water to fish can swim in it."

Hutzel, the project manager for Coastal Conservancy, thought the city did a

despite the fact that it's

the standards of natural restoration.

anks in an urban environment, you're always going to make some compromise,

Hutzel said. "I think it's

that restoration work

environment is truly

improved. I think it depends

on what you define the word."

#### Limitations

of the disadvantages in the Creek project was a

decade, Hutzel said.

He got an easement to the creek from El Cerrito developer Regency in exchange for a redeveloper permit, Schwartz said.

Along the path adjacent to the creek and picking up trash, El Cerrito resident George McRae said the city

had negotiated for more

than a decade.

Walking with McRae, El Cerrito resident Caitlin Smith said the restoration turned out a lot better than she thought it might.

A few moments later, McRae and Smith were awestruck by the site of a goldfinch and blue heron taking drinks of water and hunting insects.

"It could be a nice place if

they gave it more attention, clean

land to allow for a greater meander and a more natural creek.

But given the demand for parking outside Trader Joe's and PetCo, Schwartz said giving more space for the creek would have been tough.

"I think the city did an excellent job in that negotiation," said Schwartz. "It was hard. Like most issues, there was right on both sides. You have to reach a solution that is fair to everyone."

#### Making it better

Residents tend to agree that the friends and the city had the best intentions when they set about restoring Cerrito Creek.

However, officials at the state's Water Quality Control Board share the view it should have been a more natural restoration.

In February, it came to the board's attention that the plans the city submitted didn't match what the water board had approved.

Instead of fining the city \$1,000 a day for non-compliance, the board asked the city to make improvements at the site that included creating an annual maintenance plan and planting willow trees.

The city has planted about 200 willow trees and is working on a maintenance plan, said El Cerrito environmental projects director Heather Koch.

"We need to both finish the plan and implement it," Koch said.

On a recent walk along the creek, McRae said it's evident it isn't being maintained. He spotted litter on the ground, weeds, non-native plants and a Trader Joe's shopping cart in the creek.

The plants along the trail and banks aren't being watered enough, he said, grabbing a handful of dry soil beneath a thin and apparently dying Buckeye tree.

Schwartz said the area is watered every two weeks. Volunteers with the Friends group routinely pick up trash and do weeding.

Indeed, about two weeks later, the trash and shopping cart were gone.

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## EFFORTS ADVANCE ON AREA CREEKS

The Friends of Five Creeks was one of a number of agencies and groups that worked for years with Albany city officials to begin the restoration of almost a half-mile of Codornices Creek from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Fifth Street on the southern border of that city.

On Monday, the Albany City Council unanimously approved \$125,000 of city money for that \$900,000 project, which is expected to begin in August. The rest of the money is coming from grants, said Judy Lieberman, the assistant to the city administrator.

In El Cerrito, the city is planning to restore Baxter Creek and create a park on land at Macdonald and San Pablo avenues that the city bought two years ago.

The city is holding a meeting Aug. 11 to get input on what people want to see on the site. City planners and Maryann Aberg, the coordinator for Friends of Baxter Creek, are trying to get as much input as they can for what the creek and park should look like.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the city's "Open House" Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. For more information, call Heather Koch at 510-215-4322.

it up, give it some water and plant some willows to hold up the banks," said Smith. "It's already a pretty place, it just needs to be better."

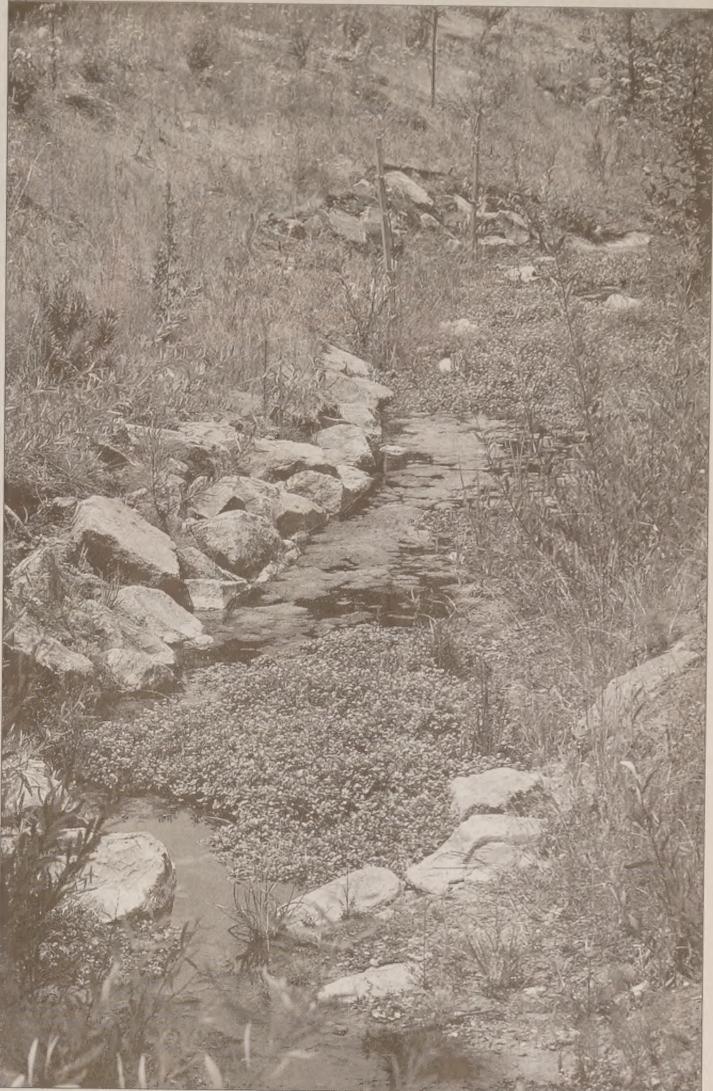
Shemmerling agreed that the creek restoration can be improved.

Though her Urban Creek Council has different ideas about how to restore creeks, Shemmerling praised Schwartz for her work.

"She has a somewhat different take on the tree issue than I have personally," Shemmerling said. "But you know she also does very good work. She has wonderfully organized people for work parties and things like that."

"But you always find people with different opinions on some of the details on any kind of work — not just restoration or environmental work."

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THE SECTION of Cerrito Creek alongside the El Cerrito Plaza was the subject of years of negotiations between the city and shopping center owners. A \$400,000 restoration that was completed six months ago. But critics say maintenance since then isn't up to par, watering isn't frequent enough and invasive plants are taking over the creek's banks.

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# Putting hope in a backpack

By Sara Steffens

STAFF WRITER

Each year, as summer begins to fade, a sense of possibility starts to brighten in the minds of schoolchildren.

Maybe this year, they think, things will turn out great. Perhaps they will earn a spot in the top reading group, or finally master algebra, or be chosen as class president.

Maybe, just maybe, they could even earn straight A's, if they worked hard enough.

The thousands of East Bay children who live in poverty share these dreams. But too often

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— Roxann Morales, project manager, Volunteer and Emergency Services of Contra Costa

ten, their hopes are clouded by the knowledge that backpack school also brings the burden of expenses their families can't afford.

Many of these kids know all-too-well how it feels to walk into the classroom empty-handed, while their peers come totting packs and pencilboxes full of new school supplies.

You can help.

Today, Hills newspapers once again kicks off Project Ready to Learn, our annual effort to collect new school supplies for kids who otherwise would go without. Through Aug. 25, all Hills and Contra Costa Times offices are accepting donations (see "How to Help" for details).

"It helps bridge that gap," says Roxann Morales, a project manager for Volunteer and Emergency Services of Contra Costa, which helps distribute the donated items.

A lot of times, when these children go to school, it's noticeable that they're different, because Mom doesn't have a ton of money for school clothes and that kind of stuff. But if we can give them a new backpack, it makes them feel like they're starting school at the same part with other kids."

Five years ago, when we started this drive, we never imagined how generous and enthusiastic the public response would become. Over the past four years, readers have given enough cash and supplies to equip nearly 6,500 children.

But the need hasn't gone away. Poverty continues to be a major issue for East Bay families, affecting as many as one in three students in Alameda County, one in four in Contra Costa.

In Alameda County, donated items will be distributed by a new partner: Tools 4 School, an umbrella project of 15 agencies that work with low-income and at-risk families in the county.

Sara Lamm, recreation coordinator of the Lincoln Child Center in Oakland, formed the collaborative last year.

"I was working to find school supplies for our clients specifically, and I became aware there were lots of people doing that ... I approached one of the collaboratives that I sit in, and said,



CHUCK TODD/STAFF

'Why don't we work together to stretch what little dollars we have?'

Tools 4 School agencies will distribute donated supplies to children in low-income and at-risk families throughout the county, including foster kids, children living in homeless shelters, and those being cared for by grandparents and other relatives.

"These are people who were not planning to be raising kids and not planning to be spending money on school supplies at this time in their lives," says Lamm.

In Contra Costa County, Volunteer and Emergency Services — the nonprofit, volunteer arm of the Employment and Human Services Department — will distribute donated supplies to chil-

dren in the some of poorest families, including those enrolled in CalWorks and other assistance programs.

"Education is so important in potentially lifting them out of being in that status, in breaking the cycle," says Morales. "The kids, they just strap those backpacks on right here in the office and strut out, proud as proud can be."

This year, as always, Project Ready to Learn promises to be a true community effort, with families, civic groups, faith communities, businesses and even youth

programs chipping in.

For the third year, the project is receiving a major boost from the Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, whose members take on the formidable task of helping to sort and transport donations.

We need your help, too. Because all labor involved in this project is volunteer, every dollar received is spent on supplies, and every item goes directly to children in need.

That means even a modest donation to Project Ready to Learn will make a difference for a child here in the East Bay — maybe even in your own neighborhood.

As a society, so many of the problems we face are overwhelming.

This one is an easy one. Let's do something about it.

Sara Steffens can be reached at 925-943-8048 or [ssteffens@cc-times.com](mailto:ssteffens@cc-times.com).

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- A pencil box or bag supplies for an elementary child: glue sticks; several crayons; markers or pencils; lots of writing paper; several big pink spiral pads, you may want; wide-rule notebook, leaf, and 3-by-5 cards.
- A sturdy zippered backpack full of supplies for middle or high school: pens and No. 2 pencils or colored pencils; large-rule notebook; loose-leaf paper; folder or homework folder; pass or protractor; calculator.
- A scientific calculator.
- Reference books; paperback dictionary; large encyclopedia.
- An empty backpack or color.

Label each set of supplies the grade level of the child which it is appropriate also want to include ("Fourth-grade boy" or "high school girl").

The deadline for donations is p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. Drop off supplies at weekday business hours at these offices:

■ Alameda Journal, Voice, 1516 Oak St., 510-748-1666.

■ Mountain View, Piedmonters may bring items to: Cameras, 1958 Mountain View, Oakland, or the Museum of the Oakland Public Library, 1887 Mountain Blvd., 7810. (For hours visit [landlibrary.org/locations](http://landlibrary.org/locations))

■ West County Times, 4301 Lakeview, Richmond, 510-739-0000.

■ Contra Costa Times, Shadelands Drive, 925-935-2525.

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Cash donations will be used to buy additional school supplies in need. All contributions are tax deductible.

■ In Alameda County, check to Lincoln Child Center, the words "Project Ready to Learn supplies" in the memo line. Mail to: Lincoln Child Center, Tools 4 School, 4301 Lakeview, Richmond, CA 94602. For details, call Jack Saures at 510-748-1666.

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markets can change quickly. And it's only through hindsight that we know that a market has declined. To be on the safe side, buy when you know that you will be staying put for at least 5-10 years. This time frame should carry you through any temporary downturn.

Within the last few weeks in the East Bay real estate agents have been noticing a softening of the market and especially on the high end. However, with current low interest rates it still appears to be a very good time to buy.

If you are a buyer in a multiple-offer situation, be aware that several offers on a property generally boost the price way over the asking price. Be careful not to get caught up in the frenzy of multiple offers as you may find yourself paying a great deal more for the property than you had initially planned.

You may be initially elated by being the big winner out of 10 offers, for example, but in the long run there may be a little buyer's remorse.

In the real world, however, home buyers often shy away from buying when prices are low because they fear prices will drop further. Similarly, there is often a buying mania when home prices are high. This is actually the reverse of what you would expect.

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### Real Estate Spotlight:

## 1891 Piedmont Shingle House



The home at 778 Kingston Avenue in Piedmont offers a unique combination of elaborate Shingle-style architecture and history. Built in 1891 for Elizabeth Hadden, this house was originally joined to her brother's house to the east, and the two families took their meals together. Architecturally, wood shingles unify this large, well maintained house, highlighting the spectacular tall windows and battered (slanted) bay. The generous use of wood continues in the impressive entry with oak-framed doorways leading to the large library, living and dining rooms.

The unusual corner fireplace, elegant mantel and window seat enhance the living room. Large windows with ornamental sash bring in lots of light. The rich library with its Craftsman fireplace, bookshelves and bay window overlooks the rear garden. French doors in the dining room open to the sun room with views of the garden. The updated kitchen and full bath complete the main floor.

The elegant Craftsman staircase leads to four large bedrooms, each with a special feature — fireplace, bay window or porch. Don't miss the claw-footed bathtub. The newly landscaped garden has mature fruit trees and large level lawn.

Price: \$1,499,000. Listing agent: Katherine Cooper, The Grubb Company, 339-0400, ext. 211.

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The remodeled kitchen is the heart of the home, with custom-made maple cabinets, granite counters, brushed-steel appliances, skylight and breakfast bar. The adjoining family room opens through sliding doors to a large, private garden and lawn area. The spacious living and dining rooms open to a large flagstone patio with panoramic canyon views. A hot tub near a stand of handsome redwood trees overlooks the canyon. The three bedrooms are all of generous size: one has a built-in window seat. The master suite has a remodeled bath, large closets and a private garden patio. There is a separate office cottage in the garden, with canyon views, which is wired for cable and telephone. The lot is approximately 13,000 square feet. Other amenities include hardwood floors, a newer furnace, a handsome brick fireplace and a two-car garage.

Price: \$849,000.

Agent: Todd Hodson, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, 510-527-9111.

## Key concepts for women investors

Women today have more earning potential and more influence over financial decisions than ever before. Women represent almost half of the workforce and many businesses are owned or managed by women. Many women influence or control the majority of all consumer purchase decisions and many of the investment decisions. As you can see, it is important for women focus on finances now more than ever.

Whether you are a business owner, a stay at home mom or working in a corporate environment, learning to manage your money should be a priority. As a woman, throughout your life you will be faced with different financial challenges than your male counterparts. If you are going to take control of your financial future, it is important that you recognize those differences and empower yourself.

There are several reasons you should have a financial plan and pay attention to your investments. Let us take a look at some of these reasons:

**Determine your financial goals.** According to the National Center for Health Statistics, women outlive men by an average of seven years. As you live longer, you face more years in retirement and may spend these years alone. You will want to make sure that if you should find yourself in this situation, you are

confident in your financial knowledge.

**Being on your own.** You may be on your own at some point in your financial life, whether it is before getting married, after a divorce or following a spouse's death. These experiences can be an emotional time in your life, so you will want to be sure that you have a solid understanding about your finances in order to know what your next steps should be.

**Time spent out of the workforce.** Generally speaking, women tend to spend more time away from work than men, whether caring for children or for an elderly parent. Even if you are not currently in the workforce earning money, it is still important to stay in touch with your finances.

The key to navigating these other challenges is to have a well-rounded investment plan. The good news is that it is never too early or too late to begin planning for your future. Here are a few steps you can take now to help ensure your financial security:

**Determine your financial goals.** Make a list of your financial goals including any specific needs your children may have. Once your goals are determined, you should determine the steps necessary to achieve these goals. Regardless of what your plan includes, the important thing is to have your goals



clearly defined and identify the right tools to reach them.

**Seek the advice of a financial consultant.** It is important to find a

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Highlights for the summer include innovative reuse of the industrial past, renewed interest in mid-century modern buildings, a revitalized waterfront, pedestrian stairways connecting early trolley routes, and the impact of prominent African-Americans on Oakland's contemporary landscape.

These tours are based in part on the research of the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey, a project of the City of Oakland Planning Department, and the resources of the Oakland History Room, Oakland Main Library.

Reservations are not required for any of these tours.

Please meet at least 15 minutes before the listed time of each tour to allow for registration. Comfortable walking shoes and a hat are recommended; bring water. In case of rain, the tour will be canceled.

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■ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 7: "Lake Merritt Modern," led by Bill Coburn. Meet at the Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Encantadero, between Grand and Lakeshore Avenues. This tour will look primarily at apartment houses and dwellings along the east shore of the lake, with emphasis on the history and evolution of the development along the shoreline. Several periods and styles will be covered, a special focus will be post-World War II architecture. Moderate hike, with a few hills. Tour ends at the Merritt Bakery.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 8: "New Era/New Politics: An African American Tour of Downtown Oakland" led by Annalee Allen, Everett Thomas and Pamela Magnuson-Peddele. Meet on the steps of the new African American Museum and Library (formerly the historic Greene Library) at 14th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

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## Everyone loved 'Grandma'

■ Giving this old house a new dress with underpinnings was just the ticket.

**Number 426 in a series of true experiences in real estate**

We just put a grandma house on the market. It's so cute. Two stories, good big bedrooms upstairs and a bath, unusually nice living room with what I call a Leave It to Beaver fireplace and mantel, and an older kitchen with built-in breakfast booth.

From the first, we called it a grandma house, partly because it had been owned by an older woman for 40 years until she died last summer, and partly because the decor was outdated and "grandma looking".

Throughout, the walls were wallpapered, the stairwell in a small patterned dark red, the others painted over, mostly in brown. Tweedy brown and black flecked carpeting covered wood floors in the public rooms, and on the windows hung both blinds and heavy cotton curtains.

Our client is a bank trust department acting on behalf of the heirs, and as banks typically insist that the houses they handle be sold just as they are, we asked gingerly if it was possible to make some changes to the house before it was put on the market.

Surprisingly, and to our delight, the answer in this case was yes, and so we drew up a plan: Remove and discard carpeting and window coverings, thoroughly clean the surfaces, wash the windows, too, then hire a stager to do some light staging.

But first, we had inspections done, and we found (this was unexpected) that the house needed quite a few repairs, unfortunately including a new foundation. All the more reason, we felt, and the bank agreed, to make the house look its best.

What a difference these ministrations made. Over a two-week period, the house was considerably lightened. The carpeting went away and sheer, clean white to-the-floor curtains were hung. Quite

suddenly (a wonderful shock), the brown walls looked current and rather terrific.

Sandu Mannell, the talented stager, brought in a golden Chinese rug for the living room and placed on it lightweight rattan and wood furniture, well upholstered. She arranged large blowy flower bouquets for fireplace mantel and tables. She hung pictures and mirrors on the walls. A soft-toned Ori-

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ental rug was laid in the dining room with French country look table and chairs.

I loved the look, loved being in the wonderfully awakened rooms where numerous happy touches caught my eye: Silk lampshades, painted metal trays, a multi-colored rag rug for the kitchen and a bowl of brightly colored pot scrubbers on the sink counter.

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# Looking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

**THE PUBLIC**

Real public is always welcome to the Annual Meeting sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The meeting is 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Alameda Community Center, 1000 16th Avenue in Alameda. The speaker is Alameda Realtor Beverly Johnson. The public is encouraged to bring questions on new listings. For information contact Kristin Johnson, AAR at 510-523-5200.

According to the National Association of Realtors, with an economy and favorable home conditions, existing home sales set another record in 2004. The report is available at [www.nar.org](http://www.nar.org). Realtors are working across the country to alleviate the situation.

The Fannie Mae Foundation's study "Homeownership Affordability in Urban America: Past and Future" looks at trends of home affordability for median-income earners. Some difficulties are on the horizon for affordable homes, by 2007 many will not qualify for a mortgage. The report is available at [www.fanniemaefoundation.org](http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org). But Realtors are working across the country to alleviate the situation.

**Answers**

Learn the answers to many home buying questions at "The Home Buying Answers Class." This free class is Tuesday, August 10. Senior Loan Consultant Marge Lupo of Vintage Mortgage conducts the class. To pre-register, call the "Answers Class" hotline at 888-629-0077 x8610.

**Zero Down**

Realtors and their associations are supporting two bills under consideration. They believe the Federal Housing Administration should raise loan limits in high-cost housing areas. Families should not be penalized because of their geographic location. Addi-

tionally, real estate associations approve of the Zero Downpayment Act of 2004. This bill would authorize borrowers meeting FHA criteria to roll their downpayment and closing costs into their loan.

**Montclair**

Attend "How To Buy Your First Home In Oakland" in the Montclair district of Oakland. The free seminar is 9:30 to 11 a.m., tomorrow at Montclair Better Homes on Mountain Boulevard. Get the information needed to have an edge over other buyers. Enjoy a light breakfast and prizes. RSVP to 510-339-4284.

**Programs**

Many cities have programs for first-time homebuyers. Down payment and closing cost assistance are possible. Check with your nearest Realtor to find out what your city offers.

**Easy Seminar**

Learn to work through the home buying process with experts from banking, real estate and home inspection companies. Attend the "Homeownership Made Easy — Find Out How" seminar, 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Montclair Wells Fargo. Contact Susie Gehring for reservations at 510-267-1317.

**MARCHING**

March, jog or stroll at this Walk-About. The Oakland Association of Realtors hosts a Walk Around Lake Merritt, 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 18. The walk-about will raise funds for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation, dedicated to higher education for Oakland inner-city youth, one class at a time. Sponsorships are still available and levels vary. Help make a difference in the lives of these kids who are working to better their futures. Contact Judith Boren at 510-836-3002.

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## BROKER INVITE

Bob Valva of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build

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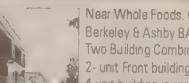
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## Tarpoff

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former occupant, wished we had known her, hoped aloud that we were changing her home in ways she would have enjoyed.

Then, one fine day, Anet had an idea. "Milk and cookies," she said. "We should serve milk and cookies to agents at our open house because that's, of course, what grandma would offer visitors."

And so, we taste tested a number of store-bought cookies, rejecting them all, and I volunteered to bake homemade oatmeal cookies.

The first batch went OK except that the stiff dough was very hard to mix. My small electric mixer just wasn't up to the task, and I decided it was a perfect time to buy a long wanted larger mixing machine.

Boy, those Kitchen Aid people really know what they're doing. I put all the ingredients for a double recipe in the large bowl, turned it

on for what seemed like only seconds, and it was done, mixed and ready to drop by teaspoons onto cookie sheets.

We bought half pint cartons of milk, exactly like the ones we used to buy in the school cafeteria (in my day) for five cents. (Agent friends, younger than I, remember paying 10 cents and 25 cents. One said cafeteria milk came in tiny bottles in the Midwest where she grew up, but Anet's from Illinois and she never saw tiny bottles.)

Two trays of sandwiches, some of the milk, and all 20 dozen cookies were consumed by agents and neighbors that day. And everyone loved Grandma.

There were 10 offers to buy her. The sprucing up we did was a good investment in her future. Best of all, Grandma's new owners should be there for a long time.

*Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at [www.tarpoffandtalbert.com](http://www.tarpoffandtalbert.com).*

## Gough

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financial consultant that you can trust and with whom you feel comfortable.

**Educate yourself.** Many women still make the mistake of shying away from investing, but educating yourself is the best way to learn more about the various vehicles available to you. Keep abreast of your own financial situation as well as what is happening in the investing world by reading financial news, surfing the Internet and attending

**Implement your goals.** Once you are familiar with investing and have a clear picture of your financial goals, you can work with your financial consultant to begin implementing your plan. As you take action, keep in mind that you may need to change it in the event of life changes such as marriage, divorce or the birth of a child. It is important to review your financial plan at least once a year in order to keep it fresh and in sync with your lifestyle.

*Leila Gough is an Associate Vice President with A. G. Edwards, member SIPC in Oakland. She can be reached at 510-452-8060.*

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#256 - Fairfield modern home w/soaring ceilings, tiled w/ light & sunshine. Beautiful hardwood floors in the family room & kitchen. Professionally landscaped yard. It shows as if it was staged

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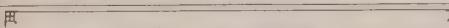
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Although the cost of financing remains historically low, a lack of inventory continues to push housing prices higher. All indicators say do not put off a home purchase. If you want to buy a home, but this is your first time, do you know where to start?

You owe it to yourself to spend a few hours learning about home buying in today's market. Attend "How To Buy Your First Home". This free workshop is held at Wells Fargo Bank, in the Oakland City Center on Broadway. The class is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14.

Gain information targeted to help first-time homebuyers. Find out if you qualify for a loan and how much house you can afford. Hear about financing programs and home buying strategies.

The presenters are Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors Pacita Dimacali, Dave Hankel, Donnee Hankel, Joe LoParo, Mario Mariani, and Mila Nakpil. Additionally, Mathew Tsang of Wells Fargo Bank and Sherry Mar of Placer Title Company will be on hand for mortgage and title questions.

Several members on the team are bilingual. The additional languages are Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog. The workshop helps all buyers make the right decisions and could save them thousands.

Participants are encouraged to stay after the workshop for a one-on-one consultation. Bring your questions and a guest if you choose, but you must pre-register, as seating is limited. Reserve a spot by calling 510-865-4192 ext. 304.

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Coldwell Banker announced it has launched its sixth annual Habitat for Humanity fundraising campaign. This year's theme "Building the Framework of the American Dream" is a community-wide raffle to raise \$400,000 for local Habitat for Humanity chapters.

"In our sixth year of hosting this raffle, we continue to make a strong statement about how much Coldwell Banker and our sales associates,

managers and staff believe in Habitat for Humanity," said Avram Goldman, San Francisco Bay Area president and chief operating officer.

"Together we have raised more than \$500,000 during the past six years, participated in the construction of more than 20 homes and volunteered more than 24,000 hours of sweat equity. I am proud to say no other real estate company in the nation can come close to what we've accomplished."

Goldman said he wants to take

the company's support to the next level this year. "We hope to build a home in every county in which we live and work," he said. "Our goal of raising \$400,000 for construction projects won't be easy, but if each of our 4,500 agents in Northern California does his or her part by buying or selling at least \$100 in raffle tickets, we can meet that goal."

Tickets for the raffle are \$2. The more than 40 raffle prizes donated by Coldwell Banker vendors and local businesses, include

■ a \$5,000 cash grand prize,  
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■ a week-long stay in a luxury condo in Maui

■ a \$500 Best Buy gift certificate  
■ Giants and A's tickets  
■ a Canon 3.2 Mega Pixel digital camera  
■ a baseball autographed by Oakland A's star Barry Zito  
■ dinner for two at Wente Vineyards restaurant.

The fund-raising campaign is

running now through Friday, Aug. 27. Winners will be notified Wednesday, Sept. 1. Money raised through this year's drive will be donated to local Habitat for Humanity chapters for home construction in 2005.

The public is invited to participate in the campaign and raffle. To learn more about the 2004 Habitat for Humanity fundraising campaign or to buy raffle tickets, please contact your local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office or call 925-3085.

## A sampling of our current listings:

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**4307 EVANS**      **\$485,000**  
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**3015 MADERA AVENUE**      **\$449,000**  
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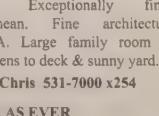


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Glenview. Lovely two bedroom, one bath bungalow on tree-lined street in Glenview. Sunny kitchen opens to deck & backyard. Detached workshop. Nancy or Chris 531-7000 x254



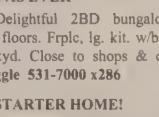
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Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262

# Real estate signs shed light on listings

■ They're not lawn-landing UFOs, they're just trying to sell homes

BY GLENN ROBERTS JR.  
NMAN NEWS

Lawn signs are going high-tech. A new solar-powered, LED-lit, computer-chip-equipped signpost can keep real estate lawn signs lit around-the-clock.

After a test run in Florida, the developers are checking into mass production for the signposts, which can shed light on standard real estate signs. They hope to sell the signposts for \$199 to real estate agents around the country.

"The largest point-of-sale item is the lawn sign in the real estate industry," said Louis Dvorak, whose brother, James, designed the signpost. "That hasn't

changed." He joked that even in the caveman days, it was probably the same story: "Hey Ork, put a stick in front of our cave. It means it's for sale."

There are other lighted signs on the market, he said, such as internally lit real estate signs, but he expects the LED-lit signpost will have a place in the market because it is "backwards compatible" — designed to accept agents' standard-size signs, said Dvorak, who is marketing the patent-pending device through his Lighthouse Marketing company in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fla. Some real estate sign companies offer low-tech reflective signs that glow when struck by headlights.

"At first glance people think this is 'kind of cute...but who shops for houses at night?'" Dvorak said. Unit signs are "just a

blur at night," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're buying or selling a home." The new signposts, though, are definitely attention-getters, he said, and he expects that their use will spread contagiously once home sellers see them and want their agents to use them.

There is also the "whoa" factor, he said. During demonstrations of the sign, "as soon as I turn the lights off everybody

(says), 'Whoa,'" Dvorak said. There is also the unidentified lawn-object phenomena that Dvorak said will surely turn the heads of passers-by at night: "People will look at this sign — they don't know if it's a UFO landing on a front lawn or not."

Jackie Scott, a Realtor for RE/MAX Partners in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who has used the

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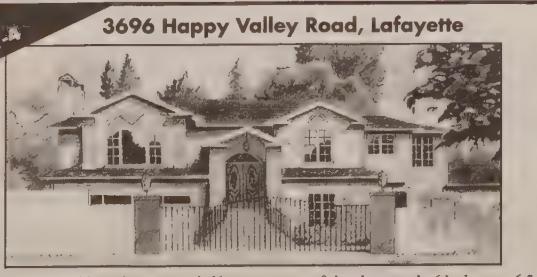


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In homes she has listed, the kind of sets your listing in a competitive list situation, it gives you some competition doesn't. She said she was introduced to the competition about six months ago. "I can't imagine any agent not using Pete Nicoletti, whose painted a lighted signpost

posts, which are a debut about a year ago, feature vinyl construction to resist wind and weathering. A computer chip monitors the solar range and senses day and night.

of his for-sale home, said a sign was definitely a conversation piece for potential buyers. "All I know is, people loved it and I sold my house. Sometimes the simple things make the difference. Everybody that came and saw the house mentioned the sign."

There are some hurdles for the sign of the invention, though. It's common practice in the industry for real estate agents to use signs from independent contractors who install and maintain them. Dvorak said he expects functionality of the signs to come the barrier, and he thinks the signs will be popular among the high-end real estate brokerages that make a greater impact in the market.

posts, which made a debut a year ago, feature construction to resist staining and weathering. A computer chip monitors the solar range and night.

Dvorak said the signs were used to real estate agents by a Washington Mutual branch in Florida.

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Oakland \$495,000

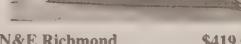
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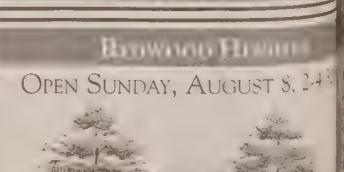
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# Mortgage fraud up over time

False information on  
applications leads list  
BY SAMANTHA PETERSON  
AMAN NEWS

The request seemed simple  
as they walk around the room and  
whether anyone present had  
been in jail for mortgage fraud.

After 80 people glanced  
and, fairly confident they didn't  
know anyone who would have  
done such a thing. Then Roger

Wolak, director of compliance  
at Fannie Mae, Kevin Barnes to stand up.

Others stood up from his seat  
and, giving the other attendees  
a 2004 National Association  
of Mortgage Brokers conven-

ce of a convicted felon.  
James, who perpetrated \$24

million in mortgage fraud, had

been involved with the others in the

he didn't say a word, but Fend-

er's point was clear: You can't  
be looking at someone whether

she has committed fraud.

Wolak, along with Bill  
Friedman, vice-president of mort-

gage research, and Rebecca

of RJB Walzak Consulting,

was going through a discussion

on mortgage fraud and how to

to loan applications for pred-

lending practices.

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The next meeting is Thurs-

Aug. 12, at the OAR Audit-

or Webster. If you would like

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BY HATS

Kim Cleghorn of RE/MAX Ex-

cellence chairs the Oral Lee Brown

Charity Fundraiser Task Force

and this year's goal of \$50,000

for inner-city kids attend col-

lege. Cleghorn is also the Berkeley

branch manager and the

Association of Realtors Presi-

dent. Ask her about do-

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Matthews kicked off the session  
with statistics compiled by MARL,  
which tracks potential mortgage  
fraud incidents through its cooperative  
database known as MIDEX, or  
Mortgage Industry Data Exchange.

First, however, he pointed out  
that mortgage fraud is still fraud  
even if the loan was never even  
funded, insured, purchased or in  
default.

"If there's an intent to deceive,  
then that's mortgage fraud,"  
Matthews said.

Mortgage fraud has increased  
over the years as the industry's  
business practices have shifted to  
a commission-based structure, he  
said. Some mortgage practitioners  
have responded inappropriately to  
the incentives by committing fraud.

Types of fraud include misrep-  
resentation of income, credit wor-  
thiness, employment, funds to

close, property value, purpose of  
loan and consumer identity theft,  
which is "one of the fastest grow-  
ing trends in the United States," he  
said.

Misrepresentation on an applica-  
tion ranked as the most popular  
type of fraud and accounted for 60  
percent of the action in 2003, ac-  
cording to MARL. That was followed  
by misrepresentation of taxes and  
other financials at 38 percent.

Appraisal and valuation fraud  
came in at only 12 percent, but  
Matthews said MARL believes that  
type of fraud is underreported be-  
cause appraisals are subjective and  
expensive to investigate. A loan with  
appraisal fraud often also includes  
another type of fraud and may get  
reported under that category.

See FRAUD, Page B13



## 2946 Claremont Blvd, Berkeley

Built in 1909, this gracious traditional home is located across from Monkey Island Park in one of Berkeley's most sought-after neighborhoods. Designed by architect George T. Plowman, who partnered with John Hudson Thomas, this home has been beautifully maintained.

4 ++bedrooms • 3 full baths  
Spacious kitchen/family room opens to large level yard  
• Finished attic room • 2 car garage

Offered at \$1,325,000

  
Leslie Easterday  
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## MONTCLAIR

**\$1,795,000**

TAURUS AVE.

(Open 2-4:30)

Stunning bay views from this luxury

approximately 4500 square feet

flexible living; large lot, elevator.

Kim Hirsch x1337

## MONTCLAIR

**\$1,525,000**

BROADWAY TERR.

(Open 2-4:30)

Magnificent sunsets & 3-bridge views.

Master 4+BR/4.5BA contemporary.

Designer kitchen, library, secluded

backyard. David Ichikawa x1331

## MONTCLAIR

**\$989,000**

6822 EXETER DR.

(Open 2-4:30)

Pristine views of San Francisco Bay.

Montclair Hills 3BR/2.5BA home. Kitchen/

family room combo, sumptuous master

suite. Donna Costella x1355

## BERKELEY

**\$949,000**

3010 BENVENUE AVE.

(Open 2-4:30)

New listing! This 3BR/2.5BA home has tons

of charming period details. Landscaped yard

leads to a BR cottage. Dick Cohen x1308

## LEONA HEIGHTS

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5230 LEONA ST.

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Fabulous 1-story custom home built in 2003.

3BR/2BA. Luxurious master suite. Open floor

plan w/high quality kitchen & exceptional

outdoor space. Donna Costella x1355

## MONTCLAIR

**\$799,000**

6460 SHELTERWOOD DR.

(Open 2-4:30)

Architecturally exciting 3+BR/2.5BA

contemporary in wooded setting. FDR, eat-in

Kt. Garden area, deck & hot tub. Recently

updated. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

## MONTCLAIR

**\$725,000**

15 SOTHWOOD CT.

(Open 2-4:30)

Charm and style. Beautifully updated

3BR/3BA home with newer kitchen,

formal living & dining rooms plus home

office. Nancy Moore x1302

## MONTCLAIR

**\$695,000**

8040 SHEPHERD CANYON RD.

(Open 2-4:30)

Charming 3BR/2.5BA custom

hardwood floors, a free-

standing steel fireplace, decks &

views. Carla Buffington x1367

## MONTCLAIR

**\$1,195,000**

10 AMPUS DR.

(Open 2-4:30)

Commanding SF/FG views!

BA, level yard, 3 car garage. Main floor

burn & bath. Robyn Mohr x1310

## MONTCLAIR HILLS

**\$1,175,000**

11 WATT DR.

(Open 2-4:30)

Stately 3+BR/3BA custom

hardwood floors, a free-

standing steel fireplace, decks &

views. Carla Buffington x1367

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## WEEKLY SALES

## ALAMEDA

1005 C. Del Valle - \$470,000  
 1118 Central Av - \$538,000  
 1246 Clarke Ln - \$580,000  
 1616 Clement Av - \$659,000  
 1205 College Av - \$580,000  
 1616 Concordia St - \$449,000  
 3 Dow Ct - \$685,000  
 1030 Fair Oaks - \$850,000  
 1312 Fernside Bl - \$388,000  
 1041 Fontana Dr - \$477,500  
 3246 Garfield Av - \$602,000  
 1029 Island Dr - \$530,000  
 3124 La Cresta - \$480,000  
 2418 Marti Rae Ct - \$419,000  
 1615 Minturn St - \$499,000  
 31 Mirinda Ct - \$870,000  
 1246 Park Av - \$625,000  
 1511 Sherman St - \$570,000  
 537 Taylor Av - \$420,000  
 606 Tern Ln - \$575,000  
 147 Tynebourne - \$950,000  
 1801 Yale Dr - \$700,000

## ALBANY

709 Johnson St - \$450,000  
 1014 Masonic Av - \$650,000  
 555 Pierce 1035 - \$402,000  
 535 Pierce 5105 - \$405,000  
 949 Stannage Av - \$611,000  
 797 Taft Av B - \$530,000  
 1443 Thousand Oaks - \$661,000

## BERKELEY

2409 6th St - \$595,000  
 1138 Allston Wy - \$690,000  
 2535 California St - \$565,000  
 643 Cragmont Av - \$610,000  
 1107 Grizzly Peak - \$1,020,000  
 1335 La Loma Av - \$700,000  
 1237 Rose St - \$670,000  
 2331 Sacramento - \$650,000  
 976 Spruce St - \$777,000

## EL CERRITO

1710 Arlington Bl - \$903,000  
 7769 Baron Ct - \$650,000  
 315 Carmel Av - \$600,000  
 2014 Carquinez Av - \$551,000  
 6115 Cypress Av - \$541,000  
 1751 Liberty 104 - \$320,000  
 1129 Liberty St - \$562,000  
 5626 Ludwig Av - \$540,000  
 5315 MacDonald Av - \$500,000  
 2542 Tassajara Av - \$591,000  
 7207 View Av - \$740,000

## EL SOBRANTE

711 Del Valle Cr - \$258,000  
 4174 SP Dam Rd - \$207,000

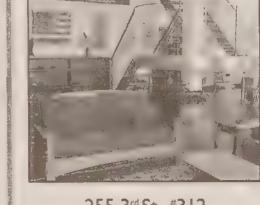
## EMERYVILLE

8 Admiral 330 - \$325,000  
 6 Admiral A484 - \$275,000  
 4 Admiral B445 - \$369,000  
 6363 Christie 623 - \$339,000  
 3 Commodore B458 - \$380,000  
 6 Commodore C230 - \$279,000

## OAKLAND

1264 100th Av - \$340,000  
 1127 103rd Av - \$358,000  
 1256 105th Av - \$295,000  
 2121 107th Av - \$332,000  
 2363 108th Av - \$355,000  
 1407 11th Av - \$390,000  
 2626 11th Av - \$383,000  
 655 12th St 313 - \$404,000  
 655 12th St 401 - \$396,500  
 655 12th St 403 - \$325,000  
 2517 21st Av - \$365,000  
 681 25th St - \$275,000  
 887 31st St - \$475,000  
 749 37th St - \$370,000  
 660 39th St - \$91,500  
 1524 40th Av - \$555,000  
 1616 41st Av - \$370,000  
 542 45th St - \$332,500  
 546 47th St - \$445,000  
 1057 55th St - \$650,000  
 828 56th St - \$390,000  
 3532 69th Av - \$380,000  
 2068 81st Av - \$260,000  
 1253 88th Av - \$265,000  
 1605 88th Av - \$290,000

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156 Isleton Av - \$240,000  
 5408 Lawton Av - \$805,000  
 817 Lisbon Av - \$395,000  
 7618 Lockwood St - \$395,000  
 6738 Manor Crest - \$670,000  
 6 Marlow Dr - \$425,000  
 3246 MLK Jr Wy - \$350,000  
 2315 Maywood - \$320,000  
 5815 Merriewood - \$524,000  
 193 Montecito 401 - \$265,000  
 6014 Morse Dr - \$325,000  
 311 Oak St #14 - \$625,000

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## OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

BERKELEY 828 Channing Way  
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# Realtor presents a pair of August seminars

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Knowing the importance of educating its clients, a team of Realtors at Gallagher & Lindsey comprised of Pacita Dimacali, Dave and Donnee Hankel, Joe LoParo, Mario Mariani and Mila Nakpil have joined forces with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage lender, Matthew Tsang and Placer Title's

Sherry Mar to present seminars to the public on a regular basis.

These seminars are free, there is absolutely no obligation in attending and they cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to real estate. Pacita Dimacali said,

"We teamed together because we "value the importance of good information to help Buy-

ers make informed decisions." Mar explains that "Real Estate is one of the major purchases in life. As such it is important to have good information to help plan wisely."

There are two seminars planned for August. "Buying Your First Home" will be held Saturday Aug. 14 from 10:30 am to 1 pm at

Wells Fargo Bank, Oakland City Center, 1221 Broadway.

There will also be a seminar on 1031 exchanges focusing on how to preserve your assets held on Thursday, Aug. 26 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Gallagher & Lindsey office at 2424 Central Ave. in Alameda. For more information, call 510-865-4192.

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**QUIET AND SERENE SETTING.** This gorgeous home located on a lovely Walnut Creek cul-de-sac features 5 bedrooms plus bonus room, 4.5 baths, a stunning gourmet kitchen and custom millwork.

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**NEW TO MARKET.** Custom built 5bd/3.5ba home next to Briones Park. Panoramic views, quiet and serene. 1.0+/- acre horse property. Cathedral ceilings, wood floors, walls of glass and updated throughout.

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**GREAT LOCATION.** Attractive single family home in Crescent Walk neighborhood. Only 4 years old. 3bd/2.5ba in pristine condition. Convenient to new downtown center, theatre and parks.

ORINDA

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**PRIVATE SHOWPLACE.** Stunning 4200+/- Contemporary. Art collector's dream. Fantastic ridgeline views. Natural landscaping and sparkling pool. Separate unit with loft and bath. 1.24+/- acre.

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any action—even if they're not perpetrating it—can jeopardize their reputation and livelihood. He suggested brokers shouldn't ask borrowers to sign blank documents, change the deal at closing or imply to borrowers that a particular option is their only chance to get a loan. They should fully disclose their costs and offer fair interest rates.

Fendelman and Walzak offered tips for brokers on how to prevent predatory lending from happening in their offices. Although brokers may say they don't engage in those practices, they need to have a written policy in place and make sure

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**1327 GRAND AVE.** \$998,000  
2-Story Craftsman with original details. Fireplace. Formal dining room with built-ins. Hardwood floors. Small office. 4 large BR. Basement. Garage. Lovely, mostly level rear yard. Property has commercial potential. (Subject to obtaining conditional use permit)  
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**19 VILLANOVA LN.** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$899,000  
19 Villanova Ln. Located in the heart of the Berkeley Hills. This 3 BR / 2 BA. Den. 2-story dramatic living room. Formal dining room. Family room. Eat-in kitchen. Near regional park.  
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Piedmont traditional on a lovely tree-lined street. This 3 BR / 1.5 BA home features a gourmet kitchen and updated baths. Walking distance to all schools K-12. Great flow for entertaining.  
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**PIEDMONT PINES**  
\$765,000  
A large, open floor plan with high ceilings and large windows. The kitchen is spacious and well-lit, with a large island and plenty of counter space. The living room is bright and airy, with a fireplace and a large window overlooking the back yard. The back yard is a private oasis with a large deck and a swimming pool. The master bedroom is spacious and features a walk-in closet and a large en-suite bathroom. The other bedrooms are also spacious and well-lit. The home is in excellent condition and is move-in ready.  
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**575 OAKES** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$539,000  
Magnificent Mediterranean! Sunken LR w/ vaulted beamed ceiling, striking fireplace. Formal DR with decorative arched nooks. Large family room. Large spacious kitchen leads to breakfast area. Steps to restaurants and shops.  
Jody Dworzak  
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**2830 MORGAN AVE.** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$439,000  
This adorable bungalow is the perfect starter! Located in a desirable neighborhood. Cozy living room with fireplace, matchstick hardwood floors and tasteful upgrades. Detached office and inviting outdoor spaces.  
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**OAKLAND** \$389,000  
Lovely Victorian. Large lot with fruit trees. Plenty of parking. Interior features an updated kitchen with hardwood floors. This one has loads of potential.  
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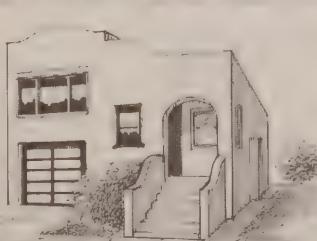
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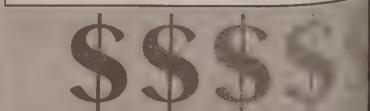
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The fruits develop progressively so they are harvested for several months. Most of the varieties grown by home gardeners are indeterminate.

Now to your question, cutting off the tops of the plants will not damage them; it only effects the ultimate yield. I'd have no problem with toppling or pinching out the terminal shoots, July through September to encourage the lateral shoots and foliage. The foliage and lots of it is necessary to prevent and protect the maturing fruits from sunburn. This is critical when the temperatures are 90 degrees and above. Sunburn can occur on any part of the fruit exposed to the heat of the day sun.

The discoloration is darker in the center of the blotch and gets lighter as it reaches the margin. The location of the blotch and coloration differentiates it from blossom end rot. Blossom end rot occurs at the end of the tomato or on the lower half of the maturing fruit regardless of exposure. It is very possible of have both problems on the same fruit.

Q. I must re-pot my Christmas cactus. Do I use cactus mix or a regular potting soil? Also, I must have them blooming for our fair, October 1. How many days or weeks of darkness do I need for them to bloom?

A. You don't use cactus mix to repot Christmas cactus. They prefer any of the commercially available potting soils. Cactus mix lacks the organic matter and is much too porous for the Christmas cactus varieties.

They are a forest variety and like moisture. Christmas cactus requires eight to ten hours of darkness per day to set buds. You'll need a box to cover the plant to ensure you have total darkness. Also, move the plant to the coolest room or area you have and reduce the water in half.

You can move it back to its nor-

mal location and return to its normal watering frequency once the buds are visible at the ends of the segmented leaves. I'd start now.

Q. I have a large blackberry vine growing behind my tool shed next to a fence. I can't keep the runners from spreading because of the narrow space. Also, I can't dig up or get to the mother plant. Is there something I can use or do to rid myself of this problem?

A. I would spray the area between the shed and the fence with a herbicide. I'd use Brush-B-Gon, or any other weed killer label for blackberries. I'd be concerned about the plants growing on the other side of the fence as they could suffer some damage.

You can limit this by using a ready to use product, RTU or spray the blackberries with a tank sprayer. In this situation, I would not use a hose end sprayer to apply any herbicide.

Buzz Bertolero is executive vice president of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com); send questions by e-mail to [dirtgardener@aol.com](mailto:dirtgardener@aol.com) or to 360 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523



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LOWEST PRICE: \$275,000  
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17476 Via La Jolla - \$450,000  
15851 Via Rivera - \$435,000  
16122 Via Walter - \$295,000

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LOWEST PRICE: \$91,500  
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LOWEST PRICE: \$705,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,601,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,112,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,063,625

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### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST PRICE: \$388,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$950,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$575,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$587,114

TOTAL SALES: 57  
LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$717,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$385,000  
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### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$402,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$661,000  
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$529,857

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LOWEST PRICE: \$305,000  
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MEDIAN PRICE: \$435,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$440,911

### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$565,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,020,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$670,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$697,444

TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$295,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$485,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$430,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$419,111

### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000  
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We don't know the neighbors behind us, they just moved in about a year ago. The neighbor to the right purchased the property as an investment over 15 years ago. He only maintains the property when someone moves out. The neighbor to the left is friendly

enough and would probably allow us to put in a new fence, as long as we pay for it. The problem with this neighbor is that he is always asserting his rights regarding his property lines, etc.

We may put the fence up, but he may have a right to "claim" his side. How can we install a new fence that will not only benefit us, but in the end, belong to us? We would like to send a letter to all three neighbors informing them of our plan to re-fence. Would we be able to inform them that we consider the new fence to be owned only by us since we are paying for it? — J Cisneros

A: I suggest this as a simple, yet perfectly amicable solution to your situation. If I was in your apparent situation, I would place and build a brand-new fence (provided that I get the appropriate permits and inspections) immediately inside the existing fence — say about 6 inches toward (inward to) your property's side of the existing fence.

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Before installing this new, private fence, I would have the lot surveyed just to be sure that the new, private fence is well within your property line, and I would also make sure that there are no easements (utility lines, etc.) issued that the new fence would cross. If there are easements, put the fence to the inside of the easements.

Best of luck!

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Q. Twenty-one years ago I built a house, and my mother, who was indigent, came to live with me. I then got married and moved. My mother lived in the house until she had to go to a nursing home a year ago. We collected no rent and did not depreciate the house in any fashion. We did not deduct any repairs.

Now we must sell help pay for mom's expenses. We have considered ourselves as main residences since both up and spent most of both homes.

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**Alameda**

\$369,000 965 Shorepoint #106 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Ramon Dumagulin

\$408,000 1601 Broadway #9 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates David Gundersen

\$450,000 2101 Shoreline Dr. #412 2BD/1.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Alameda Realty Carol Burnett/Bette Barr

\$457,000 2244 Pacific Ave 2BD/1BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Troy Staten/Mila Napklin

\$475,000 1626 9th St. 2BD/1.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Brooke Abbasi

\$489,000 3410 Brithorn 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Keiko McDonald

\$529,000 2017 Lincoln Ave 3BD/1BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Carol Martinez

\$538,000 632 Lincoln Ave 2+BD/2BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Moon Tam/Eric Tam

\$565,000 26 Millington Court 2BD/2.5BA Sun 1-5pm Sat 1-5pm Lawton Associates Sally McCarrahan

\$575,000 3292 Sterling Ave 3BD/2BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Elaine Millin

\$585,000 2438 Otis Dr. 2+BD/1+BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Bill Bissett/Griselda Marino

\$595,000 1333 Crown Dr 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Barbara Bolton

\$595,000 802 Oak St. 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Centennial Real Estate Linda Larkin

\$598,000 928 San Antonio Ave. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 1-4 Victorian Rick, Agent On Line Properties

\$598,900 2519 Eagle Ave 4BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Elaine Budka

\$630,000 1101 Court St 3+BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Centennial Real Estate Nick Caporali

\$649,000 1416 Fernside Blvd 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates Lynn Smith

\$649,500 2709 Calhoun St. 3BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Panavista Realty Ramesh

\$659,000 1912 Clement St Industrial Bldg Sat & Sun 9-3 Sun 9-3 Gallagher & Lindsey Angela McIntyre/John Selbach

\$659,000 1263 Hawthorne St 2BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates Denise Brady/DeDe Cunningham

\$659,000 2422 Webb St 4BD/3BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Richard Kim

\$665,000 3005 Jackson St. 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Kane & Associates Denise Brady

\$679,000 1380 Mound St. 3BD/1.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Karen Wellman/Rick Powell

\$685,000 2620 Encinal Ave 3 units Sun 2-5 Sun 2-5 Gallagher & Lindsey Dave Park/The Basora's

**Alameda**

\$695,000 306 Tideway 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Harbor Bay Realty Susan Battaglia

\$740,000 1612 Minturn St 3+BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Eunice Edwards

\$778,000 308 Channing Way 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Walt/Judy Jacobs

\$799,000 1838 Moreland 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Jeff Goodman

\$780,000 416 Tideway 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Deidre Dixon

\$839,000 13 Palm Beach Ln 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Janice Payne/Lorraine Ingeman

\$889,000 30 Moore Court 3BD/2.5BA Sat. & Sun. 2-5pm Windermera Real Estate Peter Fletcher

\$895,000 3268 Fairview 4+BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty

\$900,000 2151 Clinton Ave 4 plex Sat & Sun 12-2 Sun 12-2 Bayside Real Estate Dianna Wyman/Quinn Stone

\$99,000 228 Cumberland 5BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Bayside Real Estate Mark Wyman/Janelle Spatz

\$99,000 1325 Sterling Ave 2BD/2BA Sat 1-4 Sun 1-4 Bayside Real Estate Diana Wyman/Quinn Stone

\$99,000 2201 Virginia #15 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty Todd Andrew

\$99,000 2371 Virginia #3 3BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty Francesca Papalia

\$99,000 3022 Shattuck Ave Duplex Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Ca Realty Michael Stephens

\$99,000 2009 Vine St -BD/-BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty Tim Longs

\$99,000 755 Creston Rd. 3BD/2BA Sat 1-4 Sun 1-4 Marvin Gardens Real Estate Gloria Polanski

\$99,000 2207 Sacramento 5BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Sun 1-4 Security Pacific

\$725,000 1325 Walnut Street 4BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. Anne Vandyke

\$729,000 476 Kentucky Ave 4BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors Stan Hammond

\$735,000 3045 Buena Vista Way 2+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Berkeley Hills Barbara Marienthal

\$749,000 766 Vincente 4BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty

\$750,000 2239 Marin Ave. 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.

\$795,000 693 Santa Rosa Ave. 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Sun 2-4 Thousand Oaks Hugh Robertson

\$899,000 1903 Napa Ave. 4BD+/2.5BA Open Sunday 2-5 Sun 2-5 Interco Real Estate Services JoAnne "JJ" Spear

\$925,000 525 Colusa 5BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Berkeley Hills Realty Joan Brunswick

\$949,000 3010 Benvenue Ave. 3+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty Dick Cohen

\$959,000 600 Alvarado Rd. 4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Prudential California RE Keith Tower

\$1,250,000 2946 Claremont Blvd. 4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties Leslie Easterday

\$1,375,000 681 Alvarado 5+BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Sun 2-4:30 Harbor Bay Realty Jay Lean

**Berkeley**

\$529,000 1823 Highland Pl 2BD/1.5BA By Appt. North Berkeley Denise Milburn

\$545,000 724 Peralta Ave. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Thousand Oaks 510-524-9888x19

\$549,000 2501 Mabel St 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-280-2163 Charlie Cool

\$569,000 1115 Cowper St. 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 Jill Carrigan

\$569,000 1430 Dwight Way 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-5 510-845-0211 Natalie Cuttler

\$575,000 2201 Virginia #15 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-292-2013 Todd Andrew

\$599,000 2371 Virginia #3 3BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-219-1165 Prudential Ca. Realty Claremont

\$659,000 3022 Shattuck Ave Duplex Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290 Michael Stephens

\$695,000 2009 Vine St -BD/-BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-835-6218 Red Oak Realty

\$695,000 755 Creston Rd. 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-701-7181 Carylon Dopp

\$699,000 2207 Sacramento 5BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-701-7181 Carylon Dopp

\$699,000 1016 Cedar St 4BD/2BA Sun 1-4 510-292-3049 Barbara Marienthal

\$699,000 2207 Sacramento 5BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 510-303-7113 Ken Rogal

\$725,000 1325 Walnut Street 4BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 Anne Vandyke

\$729,000 476 Kentucky Ave 4BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-531-7000x246 Stan Hammond

\$735,000 3045 Buena Vista Way 2+BD/2.5BA Sun 1-4 510-292-2018 Grace Bishop

\$735,000 735 Kearney 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-280-2171 Jennifer Finkenberger

\$749,000 1241 Naveliller St. 3BD/1.5BA Sun. 2-5 510-496-1495 Kimiko Terry

\$749,000 7330 Stockton Ave. 3BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-280-2178 Wayne Wilkerson

\$749,000 711 Bayview Ct. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-253-6216 Rob Olson

\$749,000 23 Mc Cormick Rd. 3BD/3.5BA Open Sun 1-4 510-262-1580x610 Horacio Socarras

\$749,000 1041 Trailside Dr. 4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 1-4 707-297-0550 Broker

\$749,000 711 Bayview Ct. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 510-253-6216 Rob Olson

\$749,000 222 Yale Ave. 5BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-527-2700x35 Terry Pedersen

\$750,000 3696 Happy Valley Rd. 6BD/6.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-262-1580x610 Horacio Socarras

\$750,000 525 Lowell St. 5BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-523-4601/510-547-1615 Jerilynn Babington

\$750,000 555 Jean St. #630 1BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-814-4822 Jean Powers

\$750,000 22 Moss Ave. #306 1BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-845-0211 Debbie Newton

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Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12, \$925,000

2223 Marin Ave., Berkeley

By Appointment

Watch the sun set on the GGB or have Sunday brunch with friends in the huge, serene bldy. Write a novel in the separate studio or just enjoy hanging out in gorgeous, well-maintained 3+bdrrm, 1.5 bath Craftsman all on 1 level. Non-conforming au pair unit below. A perfect North Berkeley location close to Cragmont School, Solano &amp; Shattuck Ave. shops. All you'd wish for and more!

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3045 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Romantic and enchanting 2+bdrrm/2.5 bath remodeled hillside retreat in the Berkeley hills w/partial Bay views. Beautiful wood details, a wall of French doors in the spacious and open living room with fireplace which opens to secluded patio. An updated, eat-in kitchen makes this home ideal for entertaining. "Plus space" downstairs w/full bath &amp; separate entrance. Private, sunny, level backyard garden oasis w/hot tub.

Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35, \$735,000

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New listing! Three-bedroom, two-bath brown shingle near all the wonderful Solano Ave. amenities. Ramp to front door of this one-level home. Fireplace, redone hardwood floors, fresh paint, newer roof. One-car garage.

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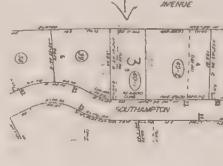
New Listing! Traditional 1946 townhouse-style condominium in wonderful Elmwood location. This two-story unit features 2 bdrrms, 1 bath with hardwood floors throughout, living room w/wood-burning fireplace and sunroom. Minutes to U.C., transportation &amp; the amenities of College &amp; Telegraph Avenues.

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## Lots

Southampton Ave. View Lot, Berkeley  
Gorgeous, gently down-sloping lot on a street full of expensive homes, in one of Berkeley's most prestigious neighborhoods. Views of the G.G. Bridge and the S.F. Bay, across from John Hinkel Park, & minutes to Solano Ave. shops.

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Panoramic Way Lots  
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# SPORTS

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Section C



## Clearing up some myths

HIS BEING THE quiet time of year, there's the rare opportunity to sit down and read a good book. Well, a book anyway, because you take your chances when you begin reading. And sometimes tells you a lot of things that you never knew, before, one of which is that maybe you shouldn't have read the book in the first place.

But that is not the case with what is noted below, although on the other hand, the possibilities that a reader may call "facts" of which they were previously unaware. In some cases, things the reader never knew. Or asked. And some reliable fact-checker that publications like *New Yorker* employ, although it's probably not known to the general public writers for at least three years or newspapers have become ex-writers because of being fast and loose with plagiarism or interviews non-existing people. Some years ago, a no-longer existing San Francisco paper had a editor who had a fascinating interview with a prominent sports figure, which had the major flaw. The interviewee was dead, which greatly decreased the likelihood of being with the writer ... who this prior with an unscheduled interview.

Some interesting "things we knew" can be found in book, "Wild, High and Low: The Life and Death of Billy Martin," written by Peter Beck.

For example: When Billy Martin was playing for Berkeley High, the team was "Haywood" High, whose was a lad named George Martin.

There the Oakland team in the Pacific Coast was "Oaks Field." Alameda resident Eddie Murray spelled his name "Murr."

Future University of California baseball star and major league baseball All-Star Jackie Murray went to "Piedmont High" in Pleasant Hill, the team was four bits of the commentary on Martin's

team some tells you that you know is interesting, a person tends to cast on the rest of the commentary. Everything else may possibly be, right on but being a tad suspicious not unjustified.

"Haywood" High? George Murray? "Oaks Field"? Eddie Murray? "Jackie Jensen in Piedmont High?"

Really?

From the book: "In the game against Haywood High School, Billy was the shortstop and a star player, whose name Legorio came into play as Billy was covering the double play. Billy Legorio had come in spikes a little too high. When Legorio came in and, Billy was waiting, ball, but made no to make the out. He the ball into Legorio's legs slid under the was safe, but Billy point and gained an

maybe, maybe not. Alameda, not "Haywood," even Hayward), Legorio, not "Legorio." says that Martin with a Richmond was calling him got into a fight exclude the um, Justin was kicked off the year and was the All-Star allowed. Probably smooch tag was a property insult. It's that Alameda then called

## Alameda World Team breaks out of its slump

■ Offense comes alive; Wood will be available in regional tournament

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

Finally, the Alameda World Team showed some offense.

After being outscored 18-4 in a three-game series against Fresno USA at College of Alameda on July 24-25, Alameda enjoyed a 14-10 run advantage over the same team in a three-game series played July 31-Aug. 1 in Fresno.

The Alameda World Team lost

two of three games in Alameda; in Fresno it went 1-1-1.

Alameda also got some good news regarding Anthony Wood, who strained his right elbow pitching for the Alameda Babe Ruth 13-15 All-Stars in the Northern California championship game on July 22.

Wood, because the World Tournament uses the designated hitter, will be able to DH for the team, even though he will be unable to pitch.

In the Babe Ruth Pacific Southwest Regional, which started Wednesday, Wood will be limited to pinch hitting, as Babe Ruth uses the National

League format (no DH).

"It's something we really don't want to risk," Alameda Babe Ruth and World Team manager Ken Arnerich said last week. "He has got a good career ahead of him and elbow problems can linger."

Arnerich also coaches the Alameda High School baseball team, of which Wood will be a junior, is a member.

"It feels better," Wood said at a photo shoot for the Alameda Journal last week. "I won't pitch, but maybe I'll be able to help in other ways."

**Fresno 7, Alameda 6:** Game one on July 31 was the one that

got away from Alameda.

The World Teamers led 6-1 midway through the sixth inning, only to see Fresno come back in the bottom of the inning and score six runs to take the lead. Until that point, Alameda starter Zach Boyd (Encinal High School) had pitched a great game, allowing one run on three hits.

But Fresno got seven quick hits in the sixth inning, and those, plus a walk, fueled the rally.

For Alameda, Zack Braband (St. Joseph Notre Dame) and Doug Murray (El Cerrito) both went 2-for-3. Chad Zupfer and Bryan Gerhard (both Castro Val-

ley High), Mario Hollands (El Cerrito) and Jeff Murphy (Alameda) all had hits.

**Alameda 5, Fresno 0:** The first two games of the series were more or less split-squad affairs, with two largely different Alameda teams taking the field in each game.

In this one, game two, pitcher Jordan Pries (Alameda High) went the distance, shutting out Fresno on three hits. Solid defense also helped secure the shutout and the win.

At the plate for Alameda, Brian Peterson (Alameda High)

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OAKLAND OAKS catcher Ian Gordon, left, leaves the field as Orange County Giants players celebrate after beating the Oaks in a Connie Mack Western Regional playoff game. DAN HONDA

## Oaks come up short in championship bid

■ Oakland team that includes Gordon, Durant, Murray and Webster falls to NorCal seniors

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

PLEASANT HILL — Two weekends ago, the Oakland Oaks 18-under Blue baseball team needed to win just one game to claim the American Amateur Baseball Congress Connie Mack Northern California state title. Instead, the Oaks lost to the NorCal Seniors on July 24, then again on July 25, giving the title to NorCal.

On July 29, the disappointments continued for the Oaks, who took a one-run lead into the bottom of the seventh inning, only to see the Orange County

Giants rally for two runs in a 5-4 loss in the opening round of the AABC Connie Mack Western Regionals at Diablo Valley College.

Former Albany High School player Ian Gordon, former Berkeley High player Mike Durant and former El Cerrito High players Greg Murray and Kevin Webster are members of the Oaks.

Mark Trumbo struck the game-winning blow for the Giants, a two-out single to score Matt Cusick from second base.

"It's tough, but there's not too much we could have done," Oaks coach Cliff Coleman said. "But give the guy (Trumbo) credit. He came up and got the winning hit with two out. They got two key hits at the end to change the game."

Actually, the other key plays in the inning were a pair of walks

and a sacrifice fly by Orange County's Mitch Bialosky, knotting the game at 4-4.

Until that inning, Oaks starter Dan Goldberg had pitched a solid game. As it was, Goldberg absorbed the loss after going the distance. Goldberg struck out six, scattered eight hits and walked just three. Only two of the hits Goldberg gave up went for extra bases, both doubles. And one of the singles was an infield hit.

As it was, Goldberg's most troublesome inning was the seventh. Still, he came within two outs of a win and one of having the game go to extra innings.

"(Goldberg) had enough left to finish the game," Coleman said. "His pitch count was still low, he was in the middle 80s heading into the last inning and he had been effective against all of those guys."

Orange County grabbed the early advantage. Andrew Romine led off the bottom of the first inning with a walk, stole second base and raced to third when the throw went into center field. A Bialosky double drove Romine home for a 1-0 Giants lead.

Orange County added another run in the third when Romine beat out an infield hit, stole second again, then came around on two wild pitches.

Oakland, for its part, could do nothing against Orange County starter Kelby Aase. The lefty worked the first three innings, striking out five batters and yielding no hits. Aase gave up three walks, but came up with the crucial outs, including a fly ball to end the first and a grounder to keep Oakland off the scoreboard in the third. Aase had retired the Oaks in order in the second.

Aase clearly was the ace of the Orange County staff. But the Giants, seemingly in an effort to keep its staff both sharp and fresh, changed pitchers in the fourth.

Murray got Oakland's first hit of the game off reliever Jimmy Cooper in the fourth, but nothing came of it. The fifth inning was a different story, however.

Charlie Cutler led off that inning with a home run. But the Oaks weren't finished. Josh Herzbrun drew a walk and Gordon followed with an RBI double to draw the Oaks even at 2-2.

After Kevin Petros was hit by a pitch, he and Gordon pulled off a double steal to put runners at second and third. Durant followed with a sacrifice fly to score Gordon for a 3-2 Oaks lead.

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## Bombers show why they belong with the best

■ Under-14 squad defeats an Olympic development team in Surf Cup Tournament

STAFF REPORT

"The Best Of The Best," read the sign over the entrance to the San Diego Polo fields, the site of the 2004 Surf Cup Soccer Tournament the weekend of July 24-25.

Indeed, this was definitely the case as State Cup champions and runners-up from New York to Hawaii, Washington to Georgia, as well as teams from Canada, the United Kingdom and Japan made up the 332 teams that competed in the boys and girls under-10 through under-19 divisions.

This was a very difficult tournament to get into, indeed. But

the East Bay's very own Bay Oaks Bombers under-14 girls team competed in this year's tournament after having qualified by finishing second in this year's California Youth Soccer Association-North State Cup Championship as under-13s in February.

But the Surf Cup represents the start of a brand new season, as the players from all the teams "age up" from their state tournaments. And the Bombers — despite having coaching and some personnel changes since their State Cup run — still made a fine showing.

The Bombers' first Surf Cup match ended in a 2-1 win against a tough Olympic Development Team from New York. Jaclyn Ong and Mikaela Freeman scored the goals and Taylor Lee added an assist.

The second game matched the

### BAY OAKS BOMBERS

#### Under-14 girls

Player	Hometown
Bradley Armstrong	El Cerrito
Annie Belanger	Oakland
Caitlin Bresnahan	Alameda
Amie Cano	Oakland
Tiffany Chin	Oakland
Sydney Choi	Piedmont
Mikaela Freeman	Alameda
Eva Hicks	Oakland
Krista Kleczewski	Berkeley
Taylor Lee	Piedmont
Abigail Mulvihill	Piedmont
Jaclyn Ong	Piedmont
Madison Omstil	Oakland
Emily Pankey	Oakland
Lia Rivers-Birt	Oakland
Andie Romanoff	Oakland
Kay Williams	Oakland

Diego Surf White, a team that won this tournament the past three years and also is the current State Cup champion for CYSA-South. Even more impressive, the Surf White is the top-ranked team in Region IV and rated among the top 10 teams nationally.

The Bombers, for their part, needed a tie or win to advance beyond group play. A very tall order, indeed.

But the Bombers, a team never to be counted out — especially when the going gets tough — were up to the challenge at hand. The Bombers were a team that reached the finals of the CYSA-North State Cup in each of the past three seasons, a feat unmatched by any other team.

It came as no surprise, then, that the Bombers fought gallantly. Furthermore, the team was brilliantly coached by incoming

coach Pete Belanger, who saw the Bombers play to a scoreless tie — a result that, in essence, was a victory against a team of the Surf White's caliber.

From there, the Bombers went on to a 2-0 win over the Chinook United Fury, a team from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with goals scored by Caitlin Bresnahan and Jaclyn Ong. This enabled the Bombers to finish first in their bracket, an accomplishment no other Bay Oaks team had been able to achieve, and advance to the quarterfinals the following afternoon.

It should be noted, too, that the Bombers have reached the quarterfinals in each of the two Surf Cup tournaments they have played in, another feat unmatched by any other Bay Oaks team.

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## BRIEFS

## Oaks fall baseball

The Oakland Oaks baseball program will begin its fall ball season for high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors at 4 p.m. at Diablo Valley College on Aug. 22. Consult the Oaks Web site at [www.eteamz.com/oaklands](http://www.eteamz.com/oaklands) or contact coach Mark Palmore at [coachpalmore@yahoo.com](mailto:coachpalmore@yahoo.com).

## Fly fishing casting clinic

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a group dedicated to furthering the sport of fly fishing through education and conservation, will be holding its annual summer casting clinic Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oakland Casting Ponds in McCrea Park at 4460 Sheepherd St. 510-547-8629

## Drew Gooden basketball camp

Drew Gooden, NBA player and former El Cerrito High School All-

American, will be holding a camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 Aug. 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Albany High School. Campers will receive T-shirt, customized ball and picture with Gooden. Proceeds benefit Scholar Athletes, Inc. 510-223-5518, [drewgoodencamp@yahoo.com](mailto:drewgoodencamp@yahoo.com) or [www.drewgooden.net](http://www.drewgooden.net).

## Cal girls basketball summer camps

Cal Berkeley will be holding Karen Horstmyer's Girls Basketball Camps for players of all skill levels as follows: Elite Position camp for grades 9-12, Aug. 7-9 (commuter and resident options), 800-GO-BEARS or [www.calbear.com](http://www.calbear.com).

## Mid-County Officials seek officials

The Mid-County Officials Network is looking for junior high and high

school volleyball officials, and youth and small enrollment high school soccer officials. 510-301-2928.

## Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is looking for high school football officials for the upcoming season. No experience required. 510-521-4121 or 510-235-5249.

## Jim Hadnot Foundation basketball clinic

Jim Hadnot Foundation will be holding a youth basketball clinic for ages 7-11 Aug. 15, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 in Oakland. \$125. 510-393-2931.

## Acalanes seeks volleyball coach

Acalanes High School in Lafayette is looking for a head varsity girls volleyball coach. 925-935-2600, ext. 217.

## Currier

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"Ducky" Pries had gotten Martin's attention with the Pinocchio heckling. The Lagorio thing is not recalled but definitely possible.

Eddie's name was Lieshman (not Leashman) — a former Alamedan — it was never Oaks Field, the Oakland Ball Park will suffice, and Jackie Jensen went to Oakland, not Piedmont High.

We'll get back to this lengthy, but very interesting book later, but those wanting a baseball fix can check out some other baseball books, (most have been around a while, but one of them is new) including "Bunts" by George F. Will, "Memories of Summer" by Roger Kahn, "Casey & Mr. McGraw" by Joseph Durso and "The Player: Christy Mathewson, Baseball and The American Century" by Philip Seib — the latter a Christmas gift from grandson Josh Harding.

The new one, "The Player," and the long-available Casey-McGraw book have major similarities in incidents and facts. Both entwine what else is going in the United States, like the Spanish-American War, World War I and, to a degree,

World War II, for example. Baseball obviously doesn't exist in a vacuum. It's an integral part of our culture and is affected by major happenings, the social and political moods and movements, and even the mannerisms of American-speak.

Mathewson, so both the book "The Player" and other sources of yesteryear tell us, was the ideal, the "All-American boy" and man. Although he did admit to indulging on occasion to an adult beverage or for less-than-pure language, he epitomized what was good. And, as a player, he was better than good, he was great.

Therein lies another link with the Casey-Mr. McGraw book because Mathewson's great seasons on the field came when he played for Mr. McGraw. And, another player for Mr. McGraw, who hit a couple of home runs, one of them inside the park for the McGraw's New York Giants in a losing season to the Yankees, was Charles Dillon Stengel, a native of Kansas City, ergo "Casey."

Although the mention is brief, there's reference to when Casey managed the Oakland Oaks' "Nine Old Men" to the Pacific Coast League championship in 1948 ... the success that was Stengel's springboard

to the Yankees. One of the few youngsters on that Oaks team was 20-year-old Billy Martin, who later joined Stengel with the Yankees.

Regarding Martin again, one of the sportswriters quoted called Martin "a guileless young man with few classic talents but all kinds of brass."

"Memories of Summer" is probably the most pleasing to read, beautifully written (as always by Kahn) going back to the father-son relationship of going to ballgames in Brooklyn and telling yarns mostly about the New York teams, the Yankees, Giants and Dodgers.

"Bunts" is a series of essays by the political columnist and baseball zealot Will. There are some laughs to be had and some informed food for thought. This is one you have to read in installments ... either that or have the patience to sit for a long period of time. It's worth your time.

And, of course, if you want more area-based reading and pictures, never miss out on "The Grand Minor League" by the late Dick Dobbins or, even more locally, Ray Maigred's "Extra Innings."

Sure beats the heck out of watching the glut of "reality shows." But so does most everything else.

## Oaks

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The Oaks' outlook got even brighter in the sixth when Maurice Butler drew a leadoff walk and moved to second on Ian Bautista's sacrifice bunt. Three batters and one out later, Herzbrun doubled home Butler for a 4-2 Oaks lead.

Orange County got one of the runs back in the sixth when Nick Tanos hit two-out double and Danny Grubb followed with an RBI single.

Oakland needed an insurance run, and pinch hitter Daniel Limbrick offered a ray of hope with a two-out double. Butler followed with a hard grounder to first base, but first baseman Trumbo was in the right place to make the unassisted putout.

The bottom of the seventh began on an ominous note when

Blair Dunlop drew a leadoff walk. Goldberg got to Romine to ground out to second baseman Webster, but Dunlop had stolen second base moments earlier to take away the possible double play.

Instead, Dunlop went to third on the play and Cusick followed with a walk.

Bialosky followed with his sacrifice fly, which not only scored Dunlop with the tying run, but allowed Cusick to move to second base, setting the stage for Trumbo's game-winning hit.

Gordon had a two-run double in the loss to Arizona Subia.

**Notes:** Webster has committed to play at St. Mary's College. There, he will join Oaks teammate Gordon, who redshirted his freshman year with the Gaels after graduating from Albany High in 2003.

Gordon was a member of the Alameda World Team that hosted the World Tournament in 2001.

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Alameda took advantage of both Fresno errors and some key hits to score all of its runs. In the third, Arnerich was safe on an error and scored when Zupfer doubled off the right-field fence.

In the seventh, Grigg was hit by a pitch and scored from first base when Jeff Perri (Bishop O'Dowd) singled to right on a hit-and-run play. Grigg, who had reached third on the play, came home when the Fresno right fielder was slow throwing the ball back to the infield.

Alameda scored its final run when Zupfer was hit by a pitch, went to third on a hit by Todd Surdez (Northgate High) and came home on a hit by Pries.

Alameda was solid defensively with the best play being a clutch headlong, diving catch by Murphy in left-center field.

**Notes:** During both tournament weekends, the players from the visiting team "homesteaded" with families of the host team. The two teams will now travel to San Diego this weekend for the 23rd annual World Tournament. The Alameda World Team and Fresno USA are in separate brackets, however, so the only way the two teams can meet again this year would be if both make it to the finals. ... Teams from Italy, Taiwan (under the name "Chinese Taipei"), Mexico, Brazil, San Diego, South Korea and Japan will also be participating in this year's World Tournament. Alameda's first game is against Italy on Monday at 9 a.m.

## World

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went 3-for-4 with a double, and Devin Grigg (Alameda High) went 2-for-4, also with a double. Additional hits were contributed by Hollands, Braband, Pries, Kenny Arnerich (Alameda High) and Zupfer, who ignited the big rally in the fifth with a solo home run over the left-field fence.

**Alameda 3, Fresno 3:** This final game of the series on Aug. 1 was supposed to be the tiebreaker but instead ended in a tie after 10 innings.

Alameda sent three to the mound, and all put in solid performances. Hollands started and went five innings, allowing two runs on three hits. Arnerich took over and pitched three innings,

allowing one run on two hits. Murray closed for Alameda, pitching two scoreless innings and allowing one hit.

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## Warriors camp

Golden State Warriors will be offering Warriors Basketball Camp this summer for boys and girls ages 8-16 of all skill levels and abilities with 14 sessions at seven locations throughout the Bay Area including Oakland, Pleasanton and San Ramon. Proceeds benefit Warriors Foundation. 510-986-5310 or [www.warriors.com](http://www.warriors.com).

## International basketball exchange program

Sports for Youth Foundation is accepting high school teams, club teams and individual players for the 2004 Goodwill Ambassadors International Basketball Exchange to Brazil. Program is open to all boys ages 16-18. Tour dates Aug. 20-31. 425-255-8102, [info@sportsforyouth.com](http://sportsforyouth.com) or [www.sportsforyouth.com](http://www.sportsforyouth.com).

## Strikers 18-under softball tryouts

Strikers 18-under team will be holding tryouts for fall ball Aug. 29 at Oak Grove High School at 285 Blossom Hill Rd. in San Jose. Pitchers and catchers at 9 a.m., and position players at 10:30 a.m. 408-227-8191, 408-274-9301 or [www.strikers.org](http://www.strikers.org).

## Sorcerer 18 gold/18A softball tryouts

Sorcerer Softball 18A team will be holding tryouts Aug. 21-22 and 29 at Oak Grove High School at 285 Blossom Hill Rd. in San Jose. 7855 or [www.sorcerersoftball.org](http://www.sorcerersoftball.org).

## Strikers 10-under softball tryouts

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## Sorcerer 16A softball tryouts

Sorcerer Softball 16A team will be holding tryouts Aug. 22-23 at Bay School from 1:30-4 p.m. at Bay School, 925-934-1821 or [ersoftball.org](http://ersoftball.org).

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## National Junior Basketball

National Junior Basketball for leaders to start a 40,000 members in Soria. [www.njbl.org](http://www.njbl.org).

## Bombers

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The quarterfinals matched the Bombers against the Crossfire Premiere, the State Cup champions from Redmond, Wash. Evenly matched, the contest was 0-0 until 10 minutes were left in the second half, when the Crossfire was

able to score on a brilliant cross that the Bombers were unable to defend. The goal stood up as Bay Oaks eventually lost 1-0.

All in, the Bay Oaks Bombers played fantastically. And reaching the quarterfinals in a tournament as prestigious as the Surf Cup was a huge accomplishment.

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# Lack of credibility damages otherwise gritty 'Collateral'

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

Michael Mann's "Collateral" stretches the bounds of coincidence, physical survival and the allure of a cabby beyond all belief. But who can entirely resist a movie that features Tom Cruise, America's most smiley movie star, cradling a pistol and growling lines like "get in the (bleeping) car"?

The movie is set in Los Angeles, and as usual, Mann, who also directed the similarly gorgeously atmospheric "Heat," gets all the details right, from the loneliness of the urban wasteland to the coyotes that roam the city in the hours before dawn.

Most of the action takes place in a cab driven by the compulsively tidy Max (Jamie Foxx), for whom things are about to get very messy. His night shift begins well when he picks up Annie (Jada Pinkett Smith, exuding a calm poise), a lawyer who is so impressed with Max's knowledge of the city's traffic patterns and his Zen-like wisdom about the importance of relaxation that at the end of the ride, she bestows her card upon him with a clear invitation to give her a call sometime.

Max is as bemused by this gesture as the audience is — because after all, how often does the chitchat between a know-it-all cabby and his captive customer result in the possibility of romance? — and he's still lost in that reverie when his next customer slithers into the back seat.

That fare is Vincent (Cruise), a contract killer with five stops to make before dawn, all involving witnesses or principals in an upcoming drug cartel trial. To turn Cruise's customary movie star slickness into villainous slickness, Mann has outfitted him in an expensive, well-cut suit, dipped his head in Revlon's "Richard Gere-style Silver Fox Dye No. 6," and commanded him to lose the megawatt smile.

As anyone who saw "Magnolia" knows, Tom Cruise makes a divine bad guy. In one of Cruise's

## REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Collateral"  
■ STARRING: Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx, Jada Pinkett Smith, Mark Ruffalo, Peter Berg  
■ RATING: R (intense violence, language)  
■ RUNNING TIME: 2 hours  
■ WHERE: Opens today at area theaters  
■ GRADE: C+

best scenes, he instructs Max to help him load an inconvenient corpse into the taxicab's trunk. When Max complains that the recently deceased is still "twitching," Cruise shoots him the kind of look you might give a strapping young man who has just expressed a fear of spiders. As they resume their journey, he says to Max, with a mixture of disbelief and disgust, "I off one fat Angeleno and you throw a hissy fit?"

The movie, based on a screenplay by Stuart Beattie, is torn between two philosophical points of view which tend to mirror America's overall conflicted love affair with violence. On the one hand, Vincent is a cold, calculating killer and thus very bad. Of course one fat Angeleno matters to us. Every fat Angeleno matters to us. On the other hand, Vincent is so cool. Check out the way he dispatches a gang of thugs who pick on Max. Vincent is a whole school of assertiveness training, wrapped up in the kind of sexy, elegant package that knows a lot about jazz.

Max suffers from a lack of get-up-and-go in all areas of his life, so Vincent's lessons are welcome. Yet it goes without saying that Max will also teach Vincent something about the power of the heart at the same time Vincent is teaching Max about the power of an organ south of the heart. This is forgivable in a standard Hollywood movie, but one hopes for a little more from Mann, who brought us "The Insider" and "Ali." (Of course, he's also the guy who persuaded us that Don Johnson was the bomb

in "Miami Vice," so perhaps our faith is somewhat misplaced.)

More damning is the film's lack of credibility. "Collateral" poses itself as a gritty, realistic drama, and when it follows that path, it works. But when it detours to indulge Foxx's natural talent for humor, we're confused. Is this developing into a comic buddy movie? Kind of. And time and time again, we're forced to swallow coincidences that make Los Angeles look like a small world after all.

It's bad enough that the homicide detective (Mark Ruffalo) looking into the fate of the fat Angeleno ends up on the same elevator as Vincent and Max at one point, but the fact that Max just happens to give rides to two principal players in the same murder plot on the same night really makes the plot seem threadbare.

Then there are Vincent's work methods. When his paperwork is lost somewhere between corpses three and four, he's so helpless that he and Max have to pay a visit to the man who ordered the hits (a cameo from Javier Bardem). Vincent is supposed to be highly efficient, the best at what he does, yet suddenly he's like the waitress who has to come back to ask whether you wanted the tuna tartare or the ravioli.

But he's got an unstoppable work ethic. No matter how difficult, personally risky or implausible carrying out his orders becomes, Vincent keeps on going. A man seated behind me at an advance screening pointed out loudly, and with considerable frustration during one of Vincent's truly bravura attempts to get the job done, "What is he, the Terminator or something?" No, just Tom Cruise, who even when he steps outside his heroic mold apparently still likes an impossible mission.

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## Reviews

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**M. POLS.** (PG-13; intense battle sequences, some a scene of sensuality, some language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. C-

**"THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE":** John Frankenheimer's original still sparkles, but director Jonathan Demme has done a surprisingly good job remaking it. The story is updated to contemporary times, with the Gulf War subbing nicely for the Korean War, and corporate moguls making villains almost as insidious and creepy as the Communists in the 1962 film. The three leads — Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep and Liev Schreiber — deliver excellent performances. The movie is weakest when it dips into standard thriller formula, and it lacks the surreal visual punch of the original. — M. Pols. (R; violence, some language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B+

**"MARIA FULL OF GRACE":** A compelling, lyrical and highly accomplished debut feature by writer/director Joshua Marston, which puts a human face on one of the more inhumane and despicable aspects of the drug trade, the use of "mules" to transport heroin and cocaine. Through Maria, his heroine, we come to understand how an otherwise innocent young girl would willingly take such a risk. In the title role, serene newcomer Catalina Sandino Moreno wins our

sympathy. — M. Pols. (R; drug content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

**"METALLICA: SOME KIND OF MONSTER":** This rockumentary presents a fly-on-the-wall perspective during the recording of Metallica's latest album, "St. Anger." The CD was delayed when lead singer James Hetfield checked into a rehab clinic, and the band hired a therapist to help them deal with the long-term problems that had led him there. The film counts on the days, interspersed with flashbacks. The big difference between this rockumentary and so many others is that the members of Metallica had the guts to show their lives uncensored. — B. Kava. (Not rated.) 2 hour, 20 minutes. B

**"NAPOLEON DYNAMITE":** Napoleon, played by Jon Heder, is a gangly mouth-breather whose affectless eccentricity could easily be mistaken for simple-mindedness. "He's a tender little guy," as described by his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). This is about the kindest thing anyone says about Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed and laughed at in school. It is also the truest, though it may take you a while to appreciate it. This movie, filled with small-town, quirky characters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG; thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

**"THE NOTEBOOK":** Wealthy big-city girl Allie (Rachel McAdams) meets local working-class boy

Noah (Ryan Gosling) while vacationing with her family and they fall in wild teenage love. Her parents don't approve, and they go their separate ways — she to college, he to World War II. But since their story is being told in flashbacks in the form of a notebook — which a kind older gentleman (James Garner) is reading in a nursing home to a kind older lady with Alzheimer's disease (Genia Rowlands) — you begin to suspect that these star-crossed lovers ended up crossing paths again. — C. Linnemann. (PG-13; some sexuality.) 2 hours.

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**"RIDING GIANTS":** An homage to big-wave surfing by Stacy Peralta, who explored skateboarding in his previous documentary "Dogtown and Z-Boys." Here he visits the pioneers of the sport, the Mavericks on the Central California coast, and finally Hawaii, where Laird Hamilton et al. tackled the most giant waves of all. A bit gushy, but thrilling. — M. Pols. (PG-13; language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B

**"SHREK 2":** This is a sequel every bit as funny and imaginative as the original, and twice as tender and wise. Mike Myers is back as Shrek, with Cameron Diaz as his lovely — and very plump and green — Fiona, and, of course, Eddie Murphy as the wise-cracking Donkey. Best thing about both movies is the

way they deconstruct fairy-tale notions. — C. Kelly. (PG; crude humor.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A

**"SPIDER-MAN 2":** A rare sequel, just as nifty as its predecessor and blessed with some indescribably exhilarating moments. But along with the thrilling action, director Sam Raimi takes his Spidey (Tobey Maguire) to emotional depths. It's more romantic than the original, too (with Kirstin Dunst as his sweet-sweet love interest), plus it's got a sense of humor. — M. Pols. (PG-13; stylized action, violence.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

**"SUPER SIZE ME":** This anti-junk-food documentary manages to entertain even as it informs and alarms. Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock — in excellent physical shape at the beginning of his film — sets out to investigate the health effects of an all-McDonald's diet. In just one month, he gains 25 pounds while his health plummets. Scary, yes, but Spurlock's light touch as a filmmaker, his eye and ear for irony, and his easy good humor leaven the disturbing statistics. — M. O'Sullivan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B-

**"THUNDERBIRDS":** Making a live-action version of this cult kiddie show from the '60s is like rounding out the edges on a Picasso painting to render it more realistic. In this version, the Tracy family men

ace pilots all — spend most of the movie helplessly marooned on a disabled satellite. It's up to the untested youngest son and his adolescent cohorts to defeat the nefarious Hood (Sir Ben Kingsley). — D. Hiltbrand. (PG; mild violence.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. C-

**"TOUCH OF PINK":** Alim (Jimi Mistry) and his mom, Nuru (Suleka Mathew), are Ismaili Muslims of Indian heritage in this "coming-out" story. Alim lives in London, where he's built a solid relationship with Giles, while back home in Toronto, Nuru wonders when he's going to settle down with a nice South Asian girl. She decides to go to London to press the issue and your basic my-mom-is-coming panic ensues. Alim talks his out-and-pride partner into pretending to be just a roommate. — B. Strauss. (R; sexual content, brief language.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B

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**ATORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY** — "The delicate Balance" by Edward Albee, Aug. 14. This story of a man's drift in the wreckage of their lives, ends love and fear, sanity and madness, humor and compassion in an evening of emotional theater. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Aug. 14, 7 p.m. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 649-5999 or [www.ashkenaz.org](http://www.ashkenaz.org)

**CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE** — "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, Aug. 14 through Sept. 5. A seriously funny romance. \$25 general; \$25 to \$52 seniors; \$15 to \$32 youths ages 4 to 16; \$10 for 3 and under. For Tuesday through Friday performances, day of performance only.

"Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays, 8 p.m. through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday 4 p.m. Bruns Memorial Auditorium, 24 Shakespearian Theatre, 24 Shakespearian Way/Gateway Exit, Free shuttle from the Orinda Station. (510) 548-9666 or [www.calshakes.org](http://www.calshakes.org)

**ART WORKS THEATER ENSEMBLE** — "The Mysterious Mr. Looney" by George through Aug. 29. A play about the man who wrote the plays of Shakespeare, set in 1920 in the English countryside of a fabled Shakespearean biography.

Aug. 20: Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City Center, 2155 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-3881 or [www.artworks.com](http://www.artworks.com)

**YRRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE** — "Annie," Aug. 13 through Aug. 22. The story of the Prodigy, and his attempt to change the world. \$10 general; \$8 for children under 12.

**MORGAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** — "Annie," Aug. 13 through Aug. 22. A performance by Stage Door Company of the depression-era musical about the adventures of a lovable or-

phaned girl. \$10 general; \$10 to \$15 students and seniors; \$7.50 to \$15 children ages 3 and under. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. 2640 College Ave., Oakland. (510) 845-8542 or [www.ju.org](http://www.ju.org)

**LAND BOX THEATER** — "The Poetry Slam," third Thursdays, 8 p.m. to midnight. An open-mic poetry event followed by a performance by touring poets of national acclaim. The night ends with a poetry competition in which poets compete to get to the stage to read a poem on the Oakland stage. (510) 331-5665.

Aug. 22: 8 p.m. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. (510) 932-0000 or [www.oaklandbox.com](http://www.oaklandbox.com)

**SAN FRANCISCO MIME TRAUMA** — "Showdown at Crawford's," by Michael Gene Sullivan, Jason Candy and Bruce Barthol, through Aug. 28. Intended to offer a parallel to the conflicts, the Troupe presents a premiere of an original fable of love, greed and double-crossing in a Texas town in 1866.

Aug. 29: 8 p.m. Montclair Ball Field, Montclair Ave., Oakland.

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**FELY**, Aug. 15, 9 p.m. \$9.

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5054 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** — The Skin Divers, Aug. 6.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — Fighting Jacks, The Nixie Tubes, Los Abandoned, Carmelized, Aug. 6. \$7.

"The Original Timex Social Club," Aug. 7. \$12 to \$20.

Spank, Aug. 12. \$5.

The Way Cross, Giant Value, Top Brown, Aug. 13. \$7.

Shakedown, Radio Active, Inspector Gadget, Aug. 14. \$8.

"Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays, 8 p.m.

"Acoustic Wednesday" with Mikie Lee Prasad and guests, 10 p.m. Free.

El Solano, Tuesdays 5.

For ages 18 and older. Music begins at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-0886 or [www.blakesontelephone.com](http://www.blakesontelephone.com)

**DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT** — "Danny Caron Blues Night" with Glenn Walters, Aug. 6.

Tom Peron-Bud Spangler Interplay Quartet, Aug. 7.

Gary Rowe, Aug. 12.

Joshi Marshall, Aug. 13.

Mal Sharpe's Big Money in Jazz Band, Aug. 14.

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Dick Conte, Tuesdays through August.

Julie Broussard, Ned Boynton and Bing Nathan, Wednesdays through August.

Free. Music begins Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 649-3810 or (510) 597-0633.

**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Lowen and Navarro, Aug. 6. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

George Kuo, Martin Pahniul and Aaron Mahi, Aug. 7. \$17.50 to \$18.50.

The Jim Hurst Band, Aug. 10. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Colcannon, Aug. 11. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Psychograss, Aug. 12. \$19.50 to \$20.50.

Jack Williams, Aug. 13. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Shana Morrison and Caledonia, Aug. 14. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Faruk and Ali Erdemsel, Aug. 15. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 548-1761, (866) 468-3399 or [www.freightandsalvage.org](http://www.freightandsalvage.org)

**JAZZ SCHOOL** — Kellye Gray, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. \$15.

Clairee, Aug. 8, 4:30 p.m. \$15 to \$18.

Dave Ellis, Aug. 13, 8 p.m. \$15 to \$18.

"Bill Ortiz: A Tribute to Miles," Aug. 14, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$18.

Orquesta Moderna Tradicion, Aug. 15, 4:30 p.m. \$20.

2087 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 845-5373 or [www.jazzschool.com](http://www.jazzschool.com)

**KIMBALLS EAST** — Ronny Jordan, Aug. 6 through Aug. 8. \$28.

Roy Ayers, Aug. 13 and Aug. 14. \$28.

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Dick Conte, Tuesdays through August.

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LOCAL ROCK BAND Ariel,

featuring J.J. Jenkins on guitar,

George Petersen on guitar and

percussion, and Walter Bush on

bass, plays Friday, Aug. 6 at

Alameda's "Coffee for Thought"

([www.coffeeforthought.net](http://www.coffeeforthought.net)).

The group presents its acoustic

show on the first Friday of every

month, featuring classic rock,

folk, and blues songs along

with original music penned by

Jenkins and Petersen. Coffee for

Thought is located at 1544

Webster St. in Alameda. Details:

510-769-4930 or

[www.coffeeforthought.net](http://www.coffeeforthought.net).

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p.m., Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005 Shellmond St., Emeryville. (510) 762-BASS, (510) 658-2555, [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or [www.kimballs.com](http://www.kimballs.com)

**LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER** — *Snake Trio*, Aug. 6, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14

*Avotoca and Modupue*, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. \$12

*Domingo de Rumba*, Aug. 15, 3:30 p.m. Free

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

**924 GILMAN ST.** — *Dekapator, Ghoul, Merciton, Rapid Fire*, Aug. 7

*Modern Life Is One Up, Still Crossed, At Risk*, Aug. 13

All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. (510) 525-9926 or [www.924gilman.org](http://www.924gilman.org)

**OAKLAND ARENA** — *Van Halen*, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m.

\$33.25 to \$90. Hegenberger Road and Interstate Highway 880, Oakland. (925) 762-2277, (510) 762-2277, (415) 478-2277, (408) 988-2277, (650) 478-2277, (916) 766-2277, (707) 546-2277 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com)

**OAKLAND CITY CENTER'S 18TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES** — Through Aug. 25. An eclectic mix of music including Latin jazz, Ca-jun and Zydeco

*Cajun Babes*, Aug. 11

Free. Music begins at 1 p.m. City Square, 12th Street and Broadway, Oakland. (510) 628-8490 or [www.oaklandcitycenter.com](http://www.oaklandcitycenter.com)

**SHATTUCK DOWN LOW** — *Live Salsa Night*, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$10

For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-1159 or [www.shattuckdownlow.com](http://www.shattuckdownlow.com)

**THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB** — *"Ceili and Dance"*, Mondays, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance

Free. Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 841-2082 or [www.starryploough.com](http://www.starryploough.com)

Church, 4000 Redwood Road, Oakland (510) 207-4093

## DANCE

**ASHKENAZ** — *Alexandria and The Near Eastern Dance Company*, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. \$9

*Tom Rigney and Flambeau*, Aug. 10, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9

"*Taproots and New Growth: Cultivating World Music Series*," Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A lecture and demonstration of the music and dance of Armenia, Turkey and Greece with members of Near East Far West. \$5.

"*Taproots and New Growth: Cultivating World Music Series*," Aug. 14, 9:30 p.m. A performance by Near East Far West. Balkan dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$15.

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5054 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

**LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER** — *"How Salsa Arrived in Cuba"*, Aug. 13, 8:30 p.m. A performance by dancers from the group Salsa Rueda Cuba.

\$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

**SHATTUCK DOWN LOW** — *Live Salsa Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. A live salsa band plays with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m.

\$10 general; \$5 students. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-1159 or [www.shattuckdownlow.com](http://www.shattuckdownlow.com)

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## OUTDOORS

**CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER** — *"Estuary Explorers"*, Aug. 12 and Aug. 14. Designed for children ages 6 to 8, the class consists of outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft and snack. Registration required. Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$6 to \$8. (510) 521-6887

"*Concerts at the Cove*," Aug. 13, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hear the Latin jazz/salsa music of the Pete Escovedo Orchestra.

"*Sea Squirts*," Aug. 10, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An outdoor exploration and craft program for children ages 3 to 5 with an adult. Registration required. \$6 to \$8.

"*Nature Fun-Time Series*," through Aug. 29. Learn about sharks and whales and other inhabitants of the bay and hear watery tales. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Free unless otherwise noted; parking fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

**REI BERKELEY** — A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment.

"*Wilderness Canoeing: An Expedition in Northern Canada*," Aug. 10. Slides and stories with Peter Kazaks.

"*REI Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class*," Aug. 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to make basic repairs to your bike. Registration required. \$85 to \$100.

Events are free and begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

**TILDEN REGIONAL PARK** — *NATURE AREA* — "Little Farm Week," through Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Experience the old-time country farm lifestyle during a week of fun activities. For ages 8 to 11. Registration required. \$135 to \$149. (510) 636-1684.

"*Breakfast with the Birds*," Aug. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Learn to identify common summer species and look for early migrants. Registration required. \$2. (510) 525-2233.

"*Dog Days*," Aug. 8, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your dog on a leash to the Lone Oak picnic site on Lone Oak Road.

"*My Seedy Friends*," Aug. 15, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Find evidence of the origins of wildflowers.

**REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN** — Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day; most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.

Free unless noted otherwise. Entrances off Wildcat Canyon Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. (510) 525-2233 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**MIDSUMMER MOZART FESTIVAL** — closing Aug. 8. The annual festival honoring the music of Mozart celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Maestro George Cleve will conduct the Midsummer Mozart Festival Orchestra, featuring piano soloists Seymour Lipkin and Jon Nakamatsu, and soprano Christina Major

Program 2, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. A performance of the overture and two arias from "The Abduction from the Seraglio," Piano Concerto No. 16 in D Major, and the "Jupiter" Symphony No. 41 in C Major.

\$28 to \$48. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. (415) 627-9140, [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or [www.midsummermozart.org](http://www.midsummermozart.org)

**OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS** — "Summer Sing-Ins," through Aug. 17. A sing-in of major choral works.

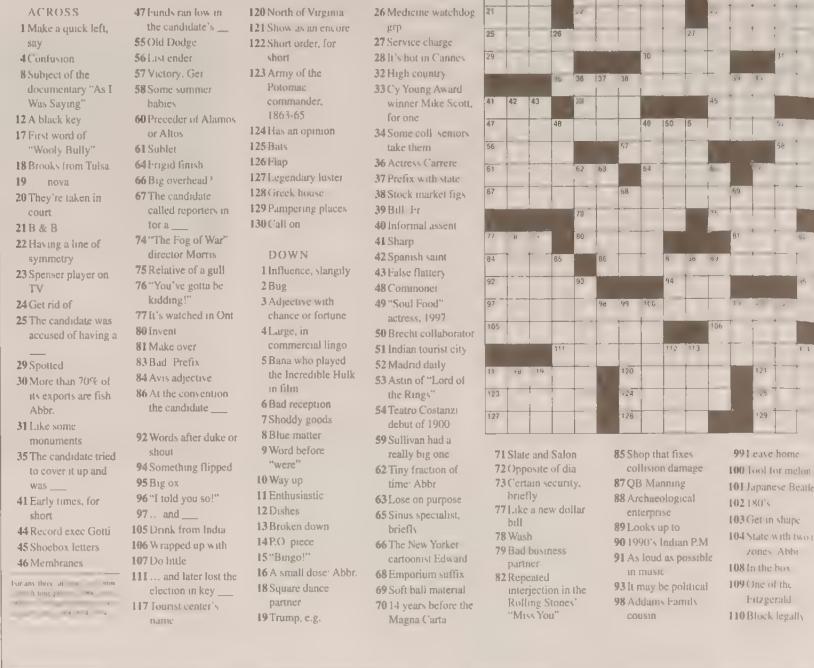
Aug. 10: "Carmina Burana" by Orff.

\$10. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. First Covenant

## ARTS &amp; LEISURE

## NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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cutting and grand opening ceremony for the Alameda Art Center.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1701 Webster St., Alameda. (510) 748-7888 or [www.alamedaacenter.org](http://www.alamedaacenter.org)

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CO-OPERATIVE (ACC) GALLERY** — "Whimsy," Aug. 7. An exhibit of works by Alex Ambrose, Sidneia D'Amico, Sarah Hunter, Kathleen King, Denise Laws and Ellen Russell.

"August Seconds Sale," Aug. 12 through Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A sale of ceramics, jewelry, glass, fine art, garden sculpture and art candles.

Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527 or [www.accgallery.com](http://www.accgallery.com)

**BERKELEY ART CENTER** — "Sacred Spaces," closing Aug. 7. An exhibit of installation works by Seyed Alavi, Taraneh Hemami, Dee Hibbert-Jones and Nomi Tolisman, Rhoda London and Rene Yung.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1275 Walnut St., Live Oak Park, Berkeley. (510) 644-6893 or [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org)

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS CENTER FOR ART AND PUBLIC LIFE** — "Pieces of Cloth, Pieces of Culture," through Sept. 6. The culmination of a yearlong project exploring the history and production of Tongan "tapa" cloth.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Craft and Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland. (510) 594-3763 or [www.cca.edu/center](http://www.cca.edu/center)

**GRAVITY FEED GALLERY** — "Vulnerability Two: A Creative Perspective of Collectivity," through Aug. 20. The second installment of a summer exhibition featuring works by five local artists.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 1959 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 644-4464 or [www.gravityfeed.com](http://www.gravityfeed.com)

**KALA ART INSTITUTE** — "Kala Fellowship Exhibition (Part I)," through Aug. 28. An exhibition of new work created during the six-month residencies of four artists chosen through an international competition.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-2977 or [www.kala.org](http://www.kala.org)

**PERALTA HOUSE** — "Viva la Charra Mexicana," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of documentary photographs of the Franco family of Sunol participating in the centuries-old traditional Mexican charra (Mexican rodeo).

Free unless noted otherwise. Entrances off Wildcat Canyon Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. (510) 525-2233 or [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

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**ROYAL GROUND GALLERY** — "The 10th Anniversary Celebration I," through Sept. 26. An exhibit of paintings, mixed media, photography and wall sculptures by several artists. Presented by East Bay Women Artists.

Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348

## MUSEUMS

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — EXHIBITS** — "In Search of the Lost Alphabet," through Sept. 18. An exhibit of photographs of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Sahara Desert and the Bandiagara cliffs in Mali.

Opening Reception, Aug. 7, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. (510) 637-0200 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org)

**ALAMEDA MUSEUM** — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the island city.

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 430-2164 or [www.mills.edu/MCM](http://www.mills.edu/MCM)

**THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — EXHIBITS** — "Therese Thau Heyman: A Curator's Legacy," through Jan. 2. Therese Heyman, former senior curator of the Oakland Museum of California, passed away in January, leaving a 30-year legacy of groundbreaking collections and exhibitions of California photographers and printmakers. This exhibition presents a sampling of her collection, including photographs by

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**CLOSING** — "Time's Shadow: Photographs from the Jan Leonard and Jerry Perl Collection," closing Aug. 8. An exhibit of photographs by pioneers in the medium, including works by Roger Fenton, Auguste Salzmann, the Bisson brothers and Timothy O'Sullivan.

"Turning Corners," through Aug. 31. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. On view are works by artists ranging from Albrecht Dürer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse; and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, Xu Bing and Mona Hatoum.

"Within Small See Large," through Oct. 24. An exhibit of Chinese paintings of bird-and-flower vignettes, gardens and far-reaching landscapes — all sharing the ubiquitous symbol of the rock.

"The Korean Potter," through Oct. 24. An exhibit celebrating the genius of early fifth- and sixth-century Korean potters with ceremonial stoneware pedestal cups and high-necked jars with pierced stands.

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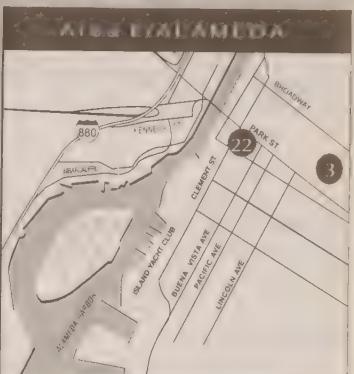
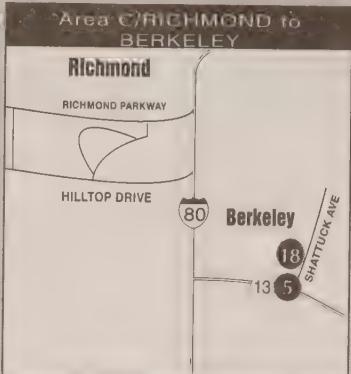
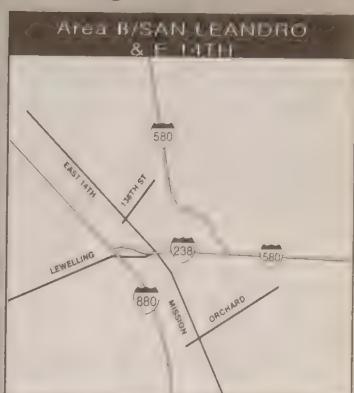
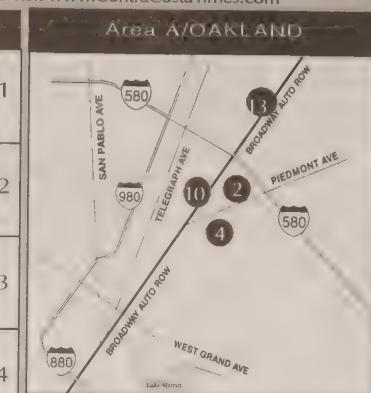
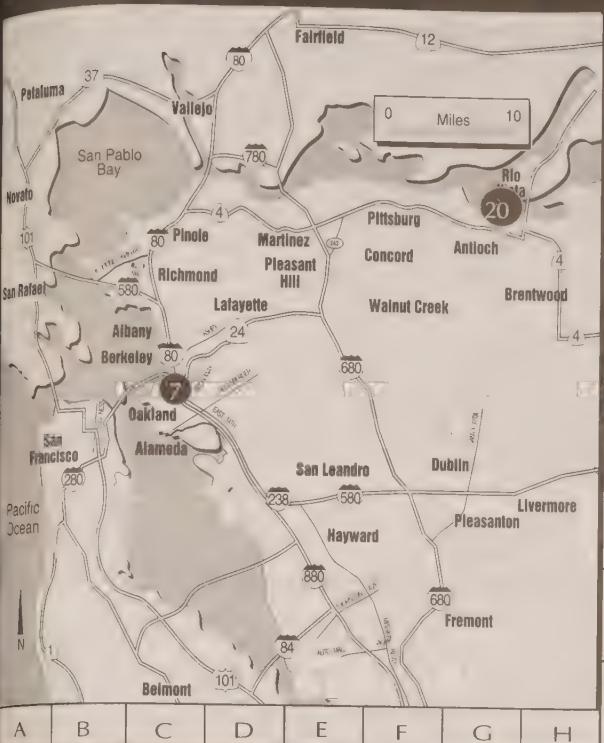
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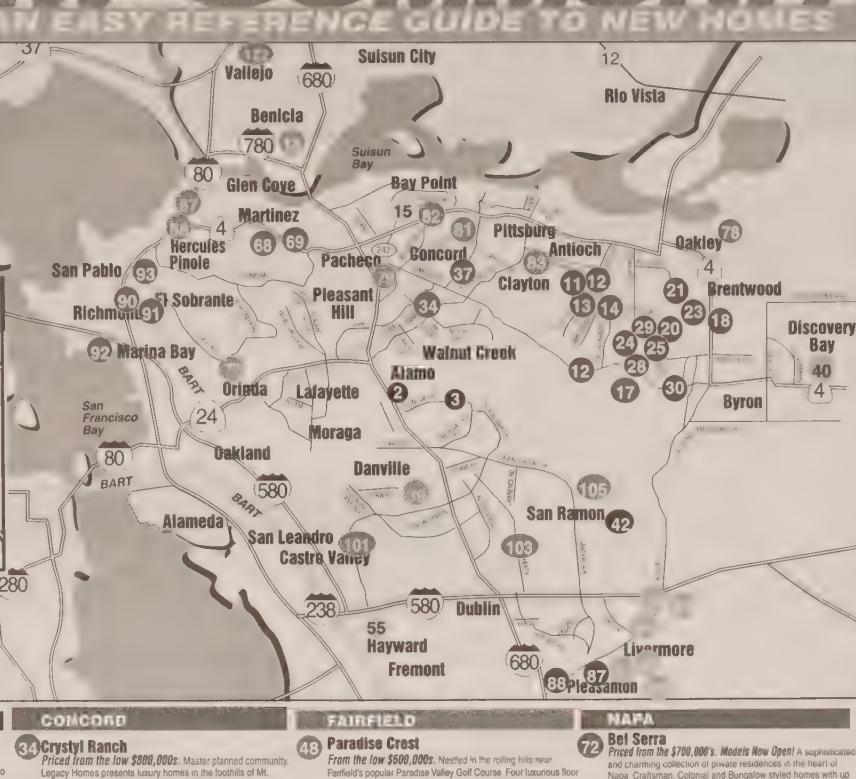
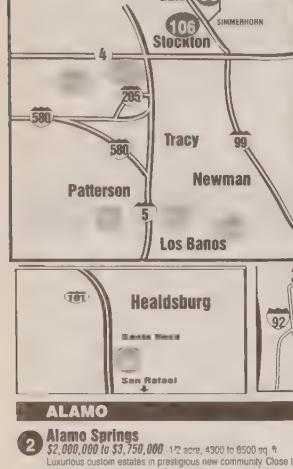
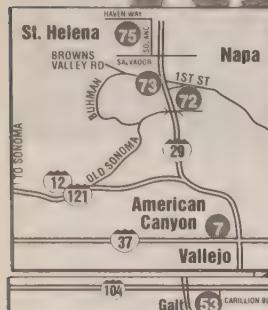
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**BICYCLE:** Murray, 21std, black #04878-4878

**CAT:** All great plastic

black. \$10. 800-428-1543

**CAT:** Young fem. Calico, Mac/Arthur, Oakland 510-849-1465

**CAT:** - young grey &

tan. \$10. 800-324-4126

**DOG:** Red fem Shepherd mix, 8/1, Rolling Wood, San Pablo 510-223-3638

**FOUNDERING RING:** Law, 10, 1/2, 100% 7/7/03

Identity, 925-439-1351

**KITTEN:** Orange male, Near San Jose, Ave. Brentwood, 925-634-6208

**LABRADOR:** Blk., Ant., no collar, 925-777-0759

**PARAKEET:** found 7/27, Maxwell Park, Jimi grn 510-523-3176

**PARTY:** on 8/1, 2nd, Oakland, 510-835-4499

**PICTURES:** Found Sat, 2:00 off Hwy, 4. Please call 925-324-4126.

**SOFA:** or Chair cushion, 25" x 25", Alamo 925-631-3943

**TERRIER:** tan, 20 lbs., 5 yrs? Lavonna in Alamo 925-743-1576

**WATCH:** Men's, Joan Ave. in Concord 925-676-9516

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**JACK RUSSELL LOST**

2 year white male w/black patches on ears. Antioch, 925-744-0749

**BICHON:** Poodle mix, wht, 9 yrs, 7/31, nads. med. nr. Pt. Chicago

**BIRD:** large, Richmond, Reward last 7/15, 510-238-6922

**CAT:** blk/wht, male, blk eyes & wht tail, 8 yrs, 7/27, chipped, 925-932-8578

**CAT:** fem, grey, short hair w/bent tail, 7/27, 5 yrs, 7/27, reg. & rescue

\*\*\*\* FOUND \*\*\*\*

**CAT:** - large grey & wht, blue collar. Lost 7/27, 5 yrs, 7/27, reg. & rescue area, 925-759-3418

**CAT, Maine Coon:** wht, west front, male, Clayton 925-693-0227

**CAT:** neutered male, Solano, 510-531-9765

**COCKATIEL:** 7/24/03 on Stanley Bluff Off Main St. Pleasant Hill, 925-921-0227

**DOG:** - 10 mo. old, choc, lab/Ches. Hercules, 925-248-5509

**DOG:** American Bulldog, Los in Contra Costa, Rd. area, 925-681-2877

**DOG, Los Mates &**

Patterson in Livermore, 925-423-2400, 50 lbs, brindle coat w/ brown & tan stripes, tail & ears upright, 7/27, reg. & rescue

**LADIES WRIST WATCH:** Bulova, Reward Orinda /Laf. 925-254-5882

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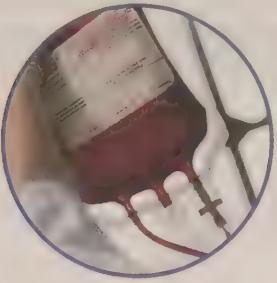








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Still, Eigsti persevered.

His research eventually led him  
from Indiana to Texas and to Knox  
County, where he believed the soil  
and weather conditions would be  
ideal for producing his seedless melons.  
He was looking for a farmer who  
might grow those melons, and "somebody in Munday told him  
about Donald," recalls Dwayne's  
mother, Kay.

The two hit it off. Johnson joined  
Eigsti's American Seedless Water-  
melon Seed Corp., becoming seed  
production manager, and American  
Seedless formed a partnership with  
California produce company Sun  
World to market the melons. Donald  
Johnson spent time in Honduras and  
El Salvador, his son recalls, teaching  
growers there the tricks of producing  
the seedless watermelon: "He  
knew a seed inside out."

### How seedless went national

Eigsti, whose oil portrait domi-

nates one wall of Dwayne's office, is  
clearly revered by the Johnson family.  
The Indiana professor died last  
year at age 94, a couple of years after  
Syngenta bought the company. The seedless  
watermelon, meanwhile, has become the  
golden crop of the watermelon industry,  
accounting for 65 percent of the volume of  
watermelon sold by retail grocers last year.

"We used to make a living on  
seeded watermelon," says produce  
broker Deroy Anderson, who buys  
the bulk of the Johnsons' melons,  
"but when the seedless came in we  
began to make money."

"They fit the chain stores better  
because of consistency and size,"  
Anderson noted; they're generally a  
little smaller than most seeded wa-

termelon varieties, and they have "an  
excellent shelf life."

The seedless sell for more  
money, too, because "they're harder  
to grow; you have to sort the seeds  
by hand," notes Anderson.

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THE WATERMELON SLICE on the sign announces the headquarters of the Johnson Melon Corporation near Knox City, Texas, on July 8, 2004.



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## Watermelon

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"You're crossing two watermelons; the seed (to produce the seedless melon plants) comes out of another watermelon," Dwayne explains.

Indeed, when Dwayne plants seedless watermelons in the field, he must plant regular seeded watermelons alongside to pollinate the blooms that will produce the fruit, because the hybrid seedless plants can't fertilize themselves. Dwayne starts the seed in 12 greenhouses in March; in April, the young plants are transplanted into the fields, where they'll be fertilized, sprayed and irrigated before harvest begins toward the end of June.

"I raise them all from start to finish," Dwayne says with pride.

For the two months of harvest at Johnson Melon Co., broker Anderson, with his wife, Gerry, and their little white pooch, Stinky, brings a crew and a computerized watermelon-sorting conveyor rig up from his home base in Edinburg, far to the south in the Rio Grande Valley.

During July and August, Anderson's crew packs and ships semi after semi full of watermelons, under the What-A-Melon label, to cities all over the country, from Detroit to New York, and a few in Canada.

"We send a lot to the Dallas market," says Dwayne, "and to Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and all the major grocery-store chains; we sell them a tremendous amount. Lots of times I don't even know where they're going."

### Harvest season

During harvest, Dwayne's busy 10 to 12 hours a day, crisscrossing from field to shed on his golf cart, dodging forklifts ferrying cardboard bins of melons on pallets; tossing instructions to sons Brad, 19, and Dustin, 17, busy on their own carts; checking in with his wife, Lorie, and office assistant, Cheryl Huckabee, in the office.

The harvest season is so hectic that the Johnsons have two cooks on the payroll to make the substantial midday meals served at noon sharp in the office. Dwayne's mother, Kay, comes over every day from her pleasant brick home, where one bedroom houses her collection of watermelon art and objects, on the other side of the sheds from Dwayne and Lorie's house. The Johnsons' two sons pull up chairs at the long table along with the Andersons and "anybody that's here loading; seven days a week, it varies from 10 to 20," says Dwayne, who's partial to the strawberry cake his mom sometimes brings for dessert.

Besides the melons Anderson handles, the Johnsons have their own retail operation, where locals can pick out a single melon or cantaloupe and where produce stand owners from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico wheel their pickups in to buy truckloads to resell.

Beyond the 30 employees who

work in the boxing lines in the Johnson shed, sorting and packing the melons for the retail operation, and the 40 or 50 whom the broker Anderson employs to box the melons he ships out, a contractor also brings in crews to harvest Johnson's melons from the fields, cutting them and loading them into field trucks for the trip to the sorting and packing sheds.

"I just drive around and make sure everybody's doing something," Dwayne jokes, but his bone-deep involvement with his crop is evident as he stands by the boxing line. As the watermelons trundle by him on the conveyor belt, unconsciously, fondly, he reaches down to slap a passing melon here and another there, with something that looks unmistakably like affection for these big unwieldy fruit.

### Good crop, bittersweet memories

These days, Dwayne has 850 acres in watermelons in Knox and Haskell counties — 600 of them in seedless — growing and selling 16 million to 24 million pounds of watermelons a year, "depending on the weather and the year."

This year, the weather has been just right.

"Dwayne's got a good crop here," says Anderson.

The Johnsons are thankful, of course, but it's been a bittersweet year indeed for them.

"Dad passed away in January," Dwayne says with clear sadness. "It's been pretty emotional. We farmed together for the last 30 years, worked close together every day."

Donald Johnson's nameplate still sits on the empty desk in his old office, not far from a shelf that bears photos of professor Eigist and a Lucite display case that holds Eigist's book on colchicine.

But Dwayne has hopes that at least one of his sons will carry on the farming operation.

### If you can't leave well enough alone...

Sweet, ripe watermelon is such a perfect fruit by itself that it hardly needs recipes. Even the melon-growing Johnson family rarely has watermelon any other way than simply chilled and sliced, but Lorie Johnson did come up with a stash of watermelon recipes she has collected from various sources.

Seedless watermelon is perfect to puree for smoothies and other drinks, as you don't have to worry about picking the seeds out of the watermelon chunks before you put them in the blender. You can push the puree through a strainer if you want a very smooth liquid for cocktails or punches.

"The Whole Foods Market Cookbook," by Steve Petrusky (Clarkson Potter, \$25.95), includes a watermelon spritzer made by adding sparkling water to watermelon juice; to make it more fun, the book suggests using cookie cutters to cut out shapes from 1-inch slices of melon, freezing the shapes and using them as ice cubes.

Watermelon puree also works

well in gelatin molds; think about fruit salsas, cool summer salads, sauces and desserts for other seedless-watermelon dishes.

### WATERMELON SALAD

1 small watermelon, about 5 pounds  
1 medium Vidalia or other sweet onion  
1/4 cup red-wine vinegar  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint  
4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled  
6 whole sprigs mint, for garnish

Cut the inner flesh from the melon and cut the flesh into bite-sized pieces, removing and discarding seeds, if any, as you go. Set aside.

Peel the onion and slice it into thin rings. Set aside.

Put the vinegar in a bowl and add a large pinch of salt and a few liberal grindings of pepper; whisk until the salt is dissolved. Slowly whisk in the oil a few drops at a time. Stir in the chopped mint; taste and correct the seasonings. Set aside.

Combine the melon pieces, onion and feta in a large bowl, pour the dressing over them and toss gently until they are coated and evenly mixed. Garnish with the sprigs of mint, or divide the salad among individual salad plates and garnish each serving. Serve at once.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: If you find the combination of watermelon and feta odd, Southern-food authority Damon Lee Fowler notes that watermelon is a cousin of cucumber, which is commonly paired with feta in Greek salads.

Recipe source: "Beans, Greens and Sweet Georgia Peaches" by Damon Lee Fowler (Broadway Books, 1998), reprinted by permission of Broadway Books.

### WATERMELON-ONION SALSA

1/4 cup orange marmalade  
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped  
1/4 cup seeded and chopped jalapeno peppers  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 cups chopped watermelon  
1/2 cup chopped sweet onion  
1 cup orange sections, chopped

Stir together marmalade, cilantro, jalapenos, vinegar, garlic and salt. Add watermelon, onion and orange sections and gently toss until coated. Chill at least 30 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: The National Watermelon Promotion Board suggests bast-

ing shrimp, pork or fowl with this Asian-tinged sauce at the end of the grilling time to avoid charring.

It's also recommended as a glaze for ham.

Recipe source: National Watermelon Promotion Board.

### SWEET MELON SEAFOAM PIE

1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatin  
1 cup sugar, divided  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
1/4 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon grated lime zest  
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped, plus additional for garnish  
1 1/2 cups small watermelon

Note: As with many fruits, chiles' heat can intensify the flavor of watermelon.

Makes about 4 cups.

Recipe source: Lorie Johnson.

### WATERMELON APRICOT BARBECUE SAUCE

Yields about 4 cups  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 onion, minced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger, or 1 teaspoon powdered ginger  
1/4 cup sesame seeds  
10 ounces apricot all-fruit preserves

6 whole sprigs mint, for garnish

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Pyramids:  
Cut 4 squares of each 4 inches square, 1 inch smaller, 2-inch square.

Cut 4 squares of each 3 inches square, 1 inch smaller, 1 inch square.

Cut 4 squares of each 2 inches square, 1 inch smaller, 1 inch square.

On each of 4 squares, stack, in order, a 1-inch square, a 2-inch square, a 3-inch square, and a 4-inch square.

Drizzle the water over the pyramids with chocolate syrup.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: If you don't have the idea of combining watermelon with chocolate syrup, the caramel and watermelon puree overheat mixture is semi-fried.

Meanwhile, beat egg whites and remaining 1/2 cup sugar to stiff peaks.

Fold chilled gelatin mixture into egg whites; then fold in whipped cream and melon balls and pour into pie shell. Refrigerate until firm.

To serve, top each slice with whipped cream and toasted coconut.

Makes 8 servings.

Recipe source: Lorie Johnson.

### WATERMELON PYRAMIDS

Quick caramel sauce:  
4 tablespoons butter  
1-1/2 cups brown sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 cup heavy cream  
Pyramids:  
8 slices watermelon, 1 inch thick

4 slices poundcake, 1 inch thick

4 slices peeled kiwifruit, 1 inch thick

Quick caramel sauce:

In a 1- or 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter and brown sugar together and then stir in the vanilla and cream.

Bring to a simmer and adjust heat to maintain a slow simmer. Simmer 5 minutes. The sauce should be used quickly; keep warm over a bowl of hot water, if necessary.

Recipe source: Lorie Johnson.

WATERMELON PYRAMIDS  
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1 cup ice  
1 ounce premium

1 ounce Cointreau

1 tablespoon lime juice

1 cup watermelon

Garnish: 1 small

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and pineapple, on

Place the frozen

in the bottom of a

glass.

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treacle, grenadine and

puree in a cocktail

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the glass and garnish with a mini-skewer.

Recipe source: Lorie Johnson.

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# retractable awnings save the day

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most people have misconceptions about affordability and ease of operation.

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"A quality retractable awning is one of the best investments a homeowner can make for outdoor comfort and value" says Jonathan Hershberg, president of SunSetter Awnings, the largest manufacturer of home awnings in the United States. "Unfortunately, most people believe they can't afford a top-quality awning" he adds. "Which is a shame, because you can get a top-of-the-line, manually-operated retractable awning for just a few hundred dollars, and a motorized awning with push-button convenience for just a little more."

Hershberg goes on to say that another myth involves horror stories about installation and operation difficulties. "Nothing could be farther from the truth," he says. "In fact, 87 percent of the people who buy our awnings install them themselves on stucco, brick, siding and virtually every other surface in just a few short hours using ordinary tools. And operating them can be as easy as turning a crank or even just pushing a button."

### All awnings are not created equal — what to check for before you buy

Quality touches. The best awnings don't automatically cost the most. Use common sense. If an awning feels flimsy in the showroom, it probably won't stand up to the elements. Look for aircraft-quality

aluminum construction and enamel paint finishes, if possible, for lasting value.

**Fabric, fabric, fabric:** Many fabrics like canvas are not 100 percent waterproof and coatings are important to consider. You should also look for an awning that blocks at least 99 percent of all ultraviolet rays.

**Do your homework.** Before you buy, shop around. Home and garden shows are a great place to get lots of information. So is the Internet. Try to evaluate similar options on different models to ensure the best cost comparison.

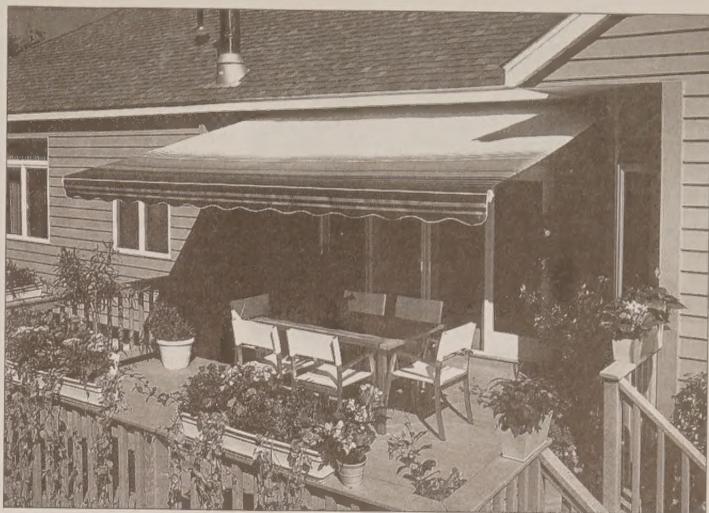
**Price.** If possible, look for factory-direct buying or shipping. This can often translate into savings of up to hundreds of dollars.

**Ease of installation, use and maintenance.** Does the awning come with easy installation instructions? Is there a help line for assistance? How many people and how long does it take to set up and operate?

Look for manufacturers who offer testimonials from satisfied customers. Also, once the awning is up, how easy is it to maintain? Ordinary woven cloth awnings are often susceptible to discoloring and mold. Again, quality fabrics are always a prime consideration.

**Electric motors.** Somfy motors are internationally recognized as the best in the industry for electric powered awnings.

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pany. How long have they been in business? Are they backed by any well known watchdog organizations? For instance, SunSetter awnings are the only awnings backed by the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

**Service, service, service!** Before, during and after — when choosing, installing and maintaining your awning, dependable customer service from trained professionals can provide peace of mind and invaluable assistance. Testimonials can speak volumes about a company's service commitment.

### The last word

As with any other significant purchase, it's essential to do the legwork before your buy. Ask lots of questions. Don't just settle for information from one source. "We

know our customers have lots of options when it comes to choosing an awning," explains Hershberg. "Whatever information the customer needs, whatever questions they have, we're more than happy to give them all the assistance they need to help them make the right decision for themselves."

Sound advice indeed.

To learn more about SunSetter Products, visit [www.sunsetter.com](http://www.sunsetter.com) or call 800-876-2340 ext. 7699 for a free catalog, price list and video without obligation.

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## ring rings: Do your homework when buying engagement rings

BY LISA MUÑOZ

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

FOR many only thing more daunting than "do us part" is buying a diamond engagement ring that 85 percent of American married women did the buying. The intricacies of diamond probably wouldn't be much more the pushy salespeople, meanings to words such as pavilion and dispersion, almost a new language to the biggest anxiety-provoking worry, something after your beloved sports sparkler, that you paid too much for what you got.

Most though say many jewelry and diamond experts, is that a diamond is unique, there are guidelines for buying an engagement ring to fit any budget. Recent years, consumers have more opportunities than ever to themselves the ins and outs

before they face a

salesperson.

"At the start I was completely ignorant about diamonds. It felt at some places like I was going to a used-car lot. Once I understood that all diamonds are based on major criteria, it became a lot more straightforward and easier to compare," said electrical engineer Matt Kneibl, of Aliso Viejo, Calif., who bought a three-stone engagement ring and wedding band for his fiancee, Marissa, for their May wedding. "At first, they all sort of looked the same, especially to a bachelor's eye."

They may look the same, but there is a big difference in color, clarity, cut and carat — traditionally known as the "Four C's." And with those differences come a big difference in price. Those qualities matter, too, because they determine how well the stone will hold its value over time. (Like gold and most real estate, diamonds do not depreciate.)

More than 60 percent of respondents to a recent jewelry-buying survey spent from \$1,000 to \$5,000, according to the Diamond Information Center, the publicity arm of the De Beers Group, the world's largest diamond producer. An additional 5 percent spent more than \$10,000.

Before you lay out that kind of money, said Ladera Ranch, Calif., jeweler Barbara Parker, it's important to know your intended's taste in jewelry. She suggested looking at rings in advance or bringing in magazine photos of styles they like. When men come to her showroom to buy any kind of jewelry, she peppers them with questions about the women in their lives.

"I want to know them as well as I can. I want to imagine them with that ring on," said Parker, 50 percent of whose clients are young couples marrying for the first time.

If you are unsure about what to choose, most jewelers suggest buying the largest, best-quality diamond solitaire ring you can afford, rather than a ring with several low-quality stones.

Earlier this year, financial analyst

Hector Alcantar, 31, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., set out to buy an engagement ring for his wife, Veronica. He went to a mail jewelry store, but said it was too "high pressure."

"I felt like I was there to buy a used car," said Alcantar, who got married this spring. "They said things like, 'Isn't this something she would like? What kind of deal can we make you have you walk out of here with the ring today?'"

Like many consumers, Alcantar spent hours reading Web sites to learn about diamonds and prices, rating his knowledge at a level 1 at the start and an 8 or 9 by the time he bought the ring from Ruth Fitzgerald at Jewelry Designs in Laguna Niguel.

"The most confusing thing was

the different organizations that rate the diamonds," Alcantar said.

Nearly all jewelers recommend buying diamonds that come with certificates that authenticate the stone's characteristics. Most common are

certificates from the Gemological Institute of America and the European Gemological Laboratory.

Both are helpful and sometimes necessary for insurance if the jewelry is lost or stolen, but jewelers say GIA certificate guidelines are stricter than EGL's, and so carry more

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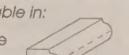
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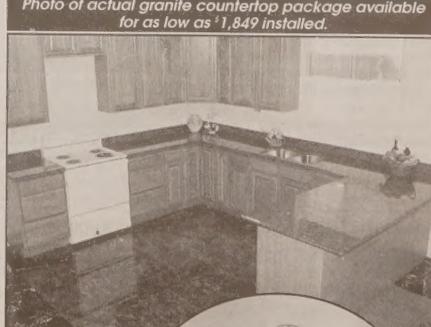
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# The crisis is right

BY JESSIE MILLIGAN  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Thinking about running off with the cabana boy? You no longer have to wait until you're 40 to have a mid-life crisis.

A burst of new books advises us that mid-life, with its accompanying sports cars and divorces, is not the only stage of life when rash decisions are made in the midst of panic attacks.

At any stage of our lives, we can obsess over our sense of self, worry we haven't accomplished enough or try for the impossible dream.

And make complete fools of ourselves in the process.

Few of us actually need guides to our crisis points, because we are in complete denial about them anyway. But should you wish to see what's happening to you, know, those "other" people, we made up this chart of life-stage crisis points that are probably happening to everyone you know. But not, of course, to you.

**Middle-school crisis:** Desperate to establish an identity, you become almost a clone of your best friends. The irony is lost on you, because you're too busy imitating "American Idol" routines to notice.

**Midnight crisis:** Now that you are a senior in high school, you have a 10 o'clock curfew. You must demonstrate independence by breaking that curfew, an idea you later have time to contemplate from the juvenile detention center, where you are waiting to call your parents to tell them it was your friends, not you, who were found at midnight spray-painting song lyrics on the freeway overpass. You were merely nearby at the time.

**Quarter-life crisis:** The degree in Bulgarian literature had seemed like such a good idea, but now, in your mid-20s, you are depressed. This is what the authors of the real book "The Quarter-life Crisis" say hits when the easily measured successes of youth — grades, gradu-

ations — are replaced by unclear paths to sometimes vague goals.

**Quarter-pounder crisis:** The stage of life when you nickname your thighs "Mac" and "Whopper" and then realize that you really "have" to change your eating habits.

**Third-decade crisis:** You've hit the "snooze" button on your biological clock so many times that it quits working. Your virtual family of e-mail friends is beginning to lack the satisfaction of real, live people.



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**Middle-age crisis:** You find yourself explaining endlessly the logic behind your plan to take a year off of work to drive a Hummer through South America.

**Midstream crisis:** Over age 70, you may want to turn around and do it all over again. But you can't.

So you try to make up for lost time. This usually involves adventure travel to exotic locales and a rapidly shrinking retirement fund.

**Midday crisis:** You forget what you did in the morning.

**After-life crisis:** Hey, it's hot in here.

## Crisis-management books

If there isn't a self-help book for your crisis stage now, there's bound to be one soon. Here's a sampling of life-stage crisis books just published and those planned for release:

### For teens:

"God's Survival Guide for Teens: A Handbook for Crisis Times in Your Life" by Criswell Freeman (Thomas Nelson, \$7.99), to be published in June.

### For twenty-somethings:

"Conquering Your Quarter-life Crisis" by Alexandra Robbins (Perigee Books, \$14.95), to be released in October. A follow-up to 2001's popular "Quarter-life Crisis."

### For thirty-somethings:

"Mid-life Crisis at 30" by La Macko and Kerry Rubin (Rodale Press, \$23.95) released in March.

"Secrets of a Mid-Life Mom" by Jane Jarrell (NavPress, \$11.99), released in April.

### For forty-somethings:

"Mid-life Mamas on the Moon: Celebrate Great Health, Friendships, Sex, and Money and Launch Your Second Life" by Sunny Hersh (Fast Forward, \$14.95), released in March.

### For fifty-somethings:

"Dating After 50: Negotiating the Minefields of Mid-Life Romance" by Sharon Romm (Quill Driver Books, \$12.95), to be released in September.

### For whenever you feel you're at the midpoint of life:

"Looking Forward to the Rest of Your Life?: Embracing Mid-life and Beyond" by Lorri Lutz (Baker Books, \$12.99), released this month.

"Honey, They Shrunk My Hormones: Humor and Insight From the Trenches of Mid-life" by Carol Chandler-Gosh (Howard Publishing, \$6.99) to be re-released in July.

"Love at Second Sight: Playing the Mid-life Dating Game" by Nancy W. Collins and Mason Grigsby (New Horizon Press, \$14.95), released in January.



**WATER IS THE MOST** nurturing of all the elements, yet we often take its restorative properties for granted. A tranquil oasis can be created to soothe the frayed nerves at the end of the day just by adding water elements into your backyard landscape.

## Using water to create a backyard

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Stress is a fact of life in today's hectic society. With the demands of work, school, families and a never-ending list of hobbies and activities, many find it nearly impossible to find a moment to relax, whether alone or with friends and family. It's become increasingly important to create a tranquil environment within the home, or in your backyard, to combat the effects of everyday tension on your mind, body and soul.

Imagine floating in the ocean,

homeowners are finding a range of limited options for exchange for a larger decorative fountain can be installed, deck or backyard with the sound of water. Fountain options are endless, ranging from trickling water spouts to flowing water cascading basins. For tight spaces, a one-piece fountain can be installed in an attractive, more decorative area around the fountain vines or place it in a corner. The inclusion of a feature can heighten the atmosphere and create a sense of privacy in your backyard.

Water gardens are becoming one of the most popular elements integrated into landscape projects. Not only do they increase property value, but the soothing sound of running water creates a relaxing atmosphere. Water gardens can easily be created in all shapes and sizes and can be designed to fit virtually any existing landscape. By incorporating a variety of decorative rocks and plants, homeowners can add their own personal touch to the garden. There are many options available at home centers to create the ideal water garden. From do-it-yourself kits to professional landscaping, homeowners on any budget can easily recreate their favorite garden scene in their backyard.

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## diamonds

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with insurance companies, a diamond that to in could give high marks to in and clarity would likely merit grades from the GIA.

"grades when you get into diamonds that run into \$5,000 and above, it's wise to go ahead for that GIA certificate," said James, with the Personal Jewelers Federation, an industry group.

At the end, Alcantar's homework paid off well. He went with a polished princess-cut diamond in a platinum solitaire setting.

"I chose the stone and the setting are the only real tough decisions he said. He declined to say which he paid, but he said he chose to get a better ring than he first expected because he knew what to look for.

"I know," he said. "Once you find the right one [ring], it's easy."

stones or cubic zirconias.

**See the report card.** Always ask if the diamond comes with a certificate, preferably from the Gemological Institute of America. Certificates from the European Gemological Laboratory are also common, but jewelers say the group commonly overestimates the quality of a stone.

A stone that would only merit a J rating from the GIA, for example, could be graded as an I by the EGL. GIA certificates also carry more weight with insurance companies, ensuring your insurer will replace a lost or stolen jewelry with the exact same quality of stone.

**Simple is best.** When in doubt about the setting, spend your money on the stone and go simple, with a solitaire setting.

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— Hector Alcantar

## Glossary

A glossary of terms to help you select a diamond:

**Brilliance:** The combination of all the white-light reflections from the surface and the inside of the stone — it gives a polished diamond its brightness.

**Diamond:** Mineral composed essentially of carbon crystallized at extremely high temperatures and pressures. In nature, diamonds form at 93 to 124 miles or more below the earth's surface. Diamond is the hardest of all known natural substances.

**Dispersion, or fire:** The breaking up of white light into spectral hues and the "rainbow" colors you see when light passes through a prism.

**Fancy colored:** Any naturally colored diamond with a noticeable depth of color considered to be rare or attractive. Red and green are the rarest fancy colors, followed by purple, violet, orange, blue, and pink. Yellow and greenish yellow diamonds are more common.

**Finish:** The quality of a diamond's polish, the condition of its girdle, and the precision of its cutting.

**Graduate gemologist:** An expert in all aspects of diamonds certified by the Gemological Institute of America.

**Optical properties:** Those characteristics of a gemstone govern its interaction with light.

**Points:** A point is the unit of weight equal to one one-hundredth of a metric carat (0.01 ct.).

**Reports:** A report provides an objective analysis of a diamond's quality. GIA issues several types of reports. The GIA Diamond Grading Report is available for dia-

monds of all weights. The dossier is a special report issued for diamonds weighing less than 1 carat. Many luxury retailers, such as Tiffany and Cartier, also provide their own report.

**Scintillation, or sparkle:** Refers to the tiny flashes of light when the diamond, the light source or the observer moves. Sparkle depends on the number, size, position of the facets and quality of the polish.

**Shape:** Shapes other than the standard round brilliant are called fancy shapes or fancy cuts. Their names are based on their shapes.

**Symmetry:** A grading term for the exactness of shape and placement of facets. Variations in symmetry include off-center culets and tables, poor facet alignment, misshapen facets, and misaligned or wavy girdles.

**Source:** Gemological Institute of America

## Determining a diamond's value

**Color:** Diamond color is judged on a lettered scale from D to Z, D being the most colorless, or "whitest." Jeweler Barbara Parker believes color is one of the most important qualities in a diamond. "That's what you want a diamond for," she said. "You want it to shine."

**Clarity:** This means how free a gemstone is from inclusions, blemishes or other flaws. Sometimes called purity; in Europe, clarity is scored with different grades: FL for flawless, IF for internally flawless, VVS1 and VVS2 for very, very slightly included, VS1 and VS2 for slightly included, SI1 and SI2 for moderately included, and finally, I1, I2 and I3 for imperfect, visible inclusions.

**Cut:** A diamond's cut is not just the shape of the diamond but how it is cut out of the raw diamond mined from the earth and how brilliantly it reflects light.

"Cut is so important because it has a lot to do with light return, or that scintillation that you get when you look at your stone," said jeweler Ruth Fitzgerald.

**Carat weight:** Often considered the size of the diamond, this is actually how much the stone weighs. The carat is the standard unit of weight used for all gemstones. One carat equals .200 grams (or 200 milligrams).

"Some girls say, 'Oh, I don't want anything big, I just love him so much,'" Parker said. "I just say, 'You better get it going in because after that you're going to get Tupperware and flowers from the Internet. You know, men don't say, 'Oh, I just want a Ford.'"

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# Famous for Fine Meats...

Every backyard chef knows the best barbecue starts with the best meats. That's why so many trust Raley's and Bel Air for meat that's fresh and tender and full of rich, delicious flavor. We offer the finest selection of beef with the exceptional quality you expect from our stores. Our sparkling seafood department boasts the strictest safety standards in the industry. And we offer a wholesome selection of organic poultry and natural meats.



## Restaurant Quality at Home

Certified Angus Beef® is celebrated the world over for its tenderness and great flavor. No doubt some of your favorite restaurants serve it, but you can also buy it exclusively at our stores. Other stores may put the Angus label on their beef, but it's not Certified Angus Beef. Only 8 out of 100 cattle earn the prestigious Certified Angus Beef brand.



## Better Tasting. Better Choice.

We're proud to feature USDA Choice Beef. It's a top government grade, which means it meets strict criteria set by the U.S. government. This grade is skillfully hand trimmed of excess fat and has more marbling, which bastes the meat naturally as it cooks. The result is rich, delicious flavor and exceptional tenderness.

## 100% Natural. 100% Delicious.

Coleman raises cattle the old-fashioned way, slowly and naturally from birth, without growth hormones or antibiotics, and on pure water and feeds that test free of pesticide residues. What's more, all our Coleman Natural Beef is graded USDA Choice or above.

# ...and Fantastic Grilling Ideas!

## Grilled Shrimp Ceviche Quesadillas

Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 10 minutes

1-1/2 cups small cooked shrimp (about 1/2 lb.)  
1/2 cup Porter's Pico de Gallo (from the Produce Dept.)  
3 tbsp. taco sauce  
2 tbsp. fresh lime juice  
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese  
1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cubed  
6 (7-inch) flour tortillas  
Sour cream

Rinse shrimp and drain; press between paper towels to remove excess moisture. Stir together shrimp, pico de gallo, taco sauce and lime juice in a small bowl. Cover and let marinade for 10 minutes. Place equal amounts of cheese, avocado and shrimp mixture on half of each tortilla; fold over to enclose filling. Place on a grill over low heat and cook for 3 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Carefully turn and grill the other side. Serve with sour cream.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition per serving: 400 calories, 22 g protein, 20 g total fat (9 g sat.), 32 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 1 g sugar, 105 mg cholesterol, 570 mg sodium



Find this delicious recipe in our next *Thrill of the Grill* brochure - FREE in our stores soon!



## Italian Smoked Turkey Breast

Prep time: 15 minutes, Soak time: 1 hour, Cook time: 1 to 1 1/4 hours

1/2 bone-in turkey breast  
1/4 cup basil pesto  
1/4 cup minced oil-packed, sun-dried tomatoes, drained  
2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar  
1 tsp. garlic salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper

Soak wood chips in a bowl of cold water to cover for 1 hour; drain water. Add 1 to 2 cups of soaked chips to a wood chips smoker box. Place on a grill over a gas burner set on low. Rinse turkey and pat dry. Stir together remaining ingredients in a small bowl and set aside. 1/4 cup of the mixture. Rub some of the marinade onto the surface of the turkey, between the skin and rubbing some underneath. When wood chips are smoking, reduce heat to medium and place turkey on the grill, skin side down. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Turn turkey and brush with marinade; cook for 1 hour more or until turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165°F, turning once or twice. Add more wood chips as needed to maintain smoke throughout cook time. Remove from grill and let sit for 5 minutes, then cut into 1/4-inch thick slices. Spread reserved marinade on a serving platter and top with turkey.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition per serving: 360 calories, 43 g protein, 19 g total fat (4.5 g sat.), 2 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 1 g sugar, 125 mg cholesterol, 360 mg sodium

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